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"BREMEN" FLIGHT THRILLS.

TERRIBLE BUFFETING IN GALES.

THEORIES AS TO FATE OF PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS.

ILL-OMEN AT START.

New York, Apr. 18.
The terrible buffeting experienced by the German aeroplane "Bremen" in her flight across the Atlantic has been graphically described to Pressmen who interviewed Colonel FitzMaurice at Clarke City.

The erratic behaviour of the Atlantic weather as experienced by the "Bremen" has provided strong theories as to the fate of the earlier disasters to Westward Transatlantic aspirants, in the opinion of Colonel FitzMaurice.

He thought that Captain Hinchliffe and the Hon. Miss Elsie Mackay were probably driven towards Labrador in consequence of the vicious winds, which in the case of the "Bremen" now lashed the machine right and left, then a terrifically strong headwind practically brought the craft to a standstill, while later a strong tail wind would spring up and nullify all efforts to keep the plane to its course.

Worse Catastrophe.

Still greater catastrophe fell upon the occupants when the lights suddenly failed and they had to fight the elements in complete darkness.

Both Colonel FitzMaurice and Baron Von Huchefeldt unsuccessfully tried to hold a torch to the compass.

Captain Koch flew at least four hundred miles blindly, zigzagging most of the time in order to maintain an approximate course.

The necessity for this naturally resulted in considerable waste of petrol, and forced them to descend at Greenly Island.

Ill-omened Start.

Colonel FitzMaurice, closing his graphic story, revealed that the flight started with a bad ill-omen. When the machine was taking off at Baldonnel, Ireland, the under-part struck a shop and the "Bremen" ascended bespattered with blood.

Professor Smiddy, the Irish Free State Minister to the United States has received a long-distance telephone message from Colonel FitzMaurice, from Murray Bay stating that the Irish officer is awaiting the arrival of spares for the repair of the "Bremen." He will take them to Greenly Island and fly from there to New York with his German companions.

Effort Relaxed.

Ottawa, Apr. 18.
The Government steamer Montcalm, which has been unsuccessfully endeavouring to force a passage among the icefloes to Greenly Island, has been ordered to return to her regular patrol.

Officials are of the opinion that the risk of the steamer reaching the island is unnecessary as aeroplanes can safely take off the airmen.

Missed a Mountain.

Halifax, Apr. 18.
Baron Huchefeldt, wirelesses from Point Amour that in the "Bremen's" flight of 36 and a half hours they climbed 2,000 feet off Newfoundland but were unable to escape the fog. They descended to 50 feet and found high seas and fog. They steered all night in a heavy storm and crossed the river at dawn. They missed a mountain looming ahead and re-ascended. They sighted a light at midday and thought it was a steamer but it proved to be a lighthouse. They landed "exhausted but happy."—*Reuter's American Service.*

FLYING TOUR OF WORLD.

DUTCH PROJECT BEGINS IN MIDDLE OF MAY.

NEW FRENCH ATTEMPT

Amsterdam, Apr. 18.
The big three-engined Fokker aeroplane in which the Dutch aviator, Van Lear Black, is preparing to attempt a world tour engaged in a most successful test at the Waalhaven Aerodrome yesterday, attaining a speed of 125 miles per hour.

Van Lear Black's daughter and her husband will arrive in London on board the s.s. Mauretania on May 7th, and consequently the departure to South Africa will be delayed until about the middle of May.

After the return from Cairo, the Fokker machine will be overhauled and re-engined before leaving for Tokyo.—*Reuter.*

Peking, Apr. 18.

Captain Pelletier Doisy is due in the Far East again some time about the middle of May on another Paris-Tokyo flight, accompanied by Lieutenant Gonin and Engineer Caral.

He will come out via India and return across Siberia and will attempt to fly direct from Hongkong to Peking without a stop.

His machine is a Potez monoplane with a new air-cooled engine of 70 h.p.

END OF THE DUNLOP DISPUTE.

ACTIONS SETTLED AFTER TWO YEARS' LITIGATION.

London, Apr. 18.

It was announced in the Chancery Division to-day that the cross-actions between Sir Arthur Ducros, on the one hand, and the Dunlop Rubber Company on the other, the proceedings in which had been in progress for two years, have been settled.

All parties have agreed that all charges made in connexion with the litigation be unreservedly withdrawn and the litigation settled on terms satisfactory to all parties.

The agreements by which Sir Arthur Ducros and Mr. Alfred Ducros were bound to the Dunlop Company have been cancelled on terms agreed upon, and they will resign their honorary positions as President and Vice-President respectively of the Company.—*Reuter.*

FAMOUS FINANCIER'S COMMITMENTS.

WIDOW AND DAUGHTER TO PAY IN FULL.

Chicago, Apr. 18.

It is learned that the widow and daughter of Mr. J. Ogden Armour, the famous American capitalist who died some months ago, are voluntarily paying \$10,000,000 to settle Mr. Armour's debts, which include \$18,000,000 to the Armour Company and \$7,000,000 worth of Bonds in the Sutter Basin Company, for which he assumed liability.

The newspapers understand that all negotiable securities in the Armour Estate will be further employed in paying fully the debts to the Armour Company, and also for furnishing capital to reorganise the Sutter Company.—*Reuter's American Service.*

COMMUNIST CLEAN-UP IN FINLAND.

MEMBERS OF DIET AMONG ARRESTED.

Helsingfors, Apr. 18.

The Police have arrested a large number of leading Communists in Helsingfors and the Provinces, including some members of the Diet. They are charged with complicity in treasonable conspiracy.

The Labour Party has expelled 58 members proved to belong to Communist organisations.—*Reuter.*

OPIUM MONOPOLY IN CHINA.

CHAO DENIES FRENCH FIGURES.

STRIKING REVELATIONS AT GENEVA MEETING.

COCAINE INCREASES.

Geneva, Apr. 18.

Remarkable figures showing the increased use of cocaine were given before the Opium Committee to-day, and the establishment of a Central Control Board was urged.

Dealing with opium in China, the report submitted by M. Brenier, the French Assessor, showed that opium production in China increased to 7,000,000 kilos in 1924-25 in spite of the monopoly of production.

Mr. Chao objected to the statement and announced that he would reply later.

The formidable increase in the export of opium from Persia since 1920 was also reported, while it was stated that Germany and France both increased their imports of opium.

Terrible Situation.

It was estimated that the world production of morphine for the six years 1921-1926 was between fifty and sixty tons, Germany and Switzerland being the principal manufacturers.

Signor Cavazzoni pointed out that the production of morphine had increased by at least one hundred per cent. during this period. Half the total, he said, was used in the manufacture of cocaine, which was uncontrolled.

This, he declared, was a terrible situation and raised the question whether the whole action of the League should not be modified.

Control Board Mooted.

M. Bourgeois agreed with the observations made by Signor Cavazzoni, and stated that the Committee would be asked later to agree to the creation of a Central Control Board.

Later in the day, Mr. Chao replied to the report made by M. Brenier, and declared that the latter's figures purporting to give the production of opium in China were imaginary.

Mr. Chao also denied the assertion that any Chinese law permitted the cultivation of the poppy.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH "FARCICAL" CANDIDATES.

RECORD NOMINATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION.

Paris, Apr. 18.

The expiration of the time-limit for lodging nominations for candidature at the General Election, which takes place on Sunday, shows that a record number of candidates are seeking seats.

The figure is 3,735, which is nearly a thousand more than in 1924.

At least one-third of the candidates have not the slightest chance of election and have been dubbed "farcical candidates."

Nine of the thirteen Ministers are candidates, the others, including M. Poincare, being Senators.—*Reuter.*

COBHAM'S AFRICAN FLIGHT.

FEARS FOR SAFETY ARE DISSIPATED.

London, Apr. 18.

Sir Alan Cobham, who, with Lady Cobham and a crew of four is making a survey flight of Africa, failed to arrive at Freetown, Sierra Leone, yesterday from Abidjan, on the French Ivory Coast, as expected.

Considerable anxiety was felt during the night and this morning, but this afternoon a message was received from Accra that Sir Alan had had to return to Abidjan owing to trouble with his flying boat.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH TROOPS IN CHINA.

WOULD NOT BE HERE IF NOT NECESSARY.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

London, Apr. 18.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question by Commander Kenworthy, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that the Shanghai Defence Force occupied certain posts in the residential district in the western portion of the International Settlement.

They were there for the purpose of defending the Settlement and protecting British life and property.

The only other places where His Majesty's Forces were stationed outside a Concession area were Nanking and Peking, where the Legation Guard was stationed under the terms of the Protocol of 1901.

Troops, he said, will be withdrawn from foreign territory as soon as there ceased to be any risk of danger to British lives and property.

Commander Kenworthy asked if there was any threat to Shanghai.

NATIONALISTS CLAIM MORE SUCCESSES.

Tanghsien & Chaibho Reported Captured.

YENCHOW NOT TAKEN.

Shanghai, Apr. 19.

A military report from Linchen claims that Tanghsien, north of Lincheng, was occupied by the Nationalist troops yesterday morning.

Following the capture of that city, the Nationalists continued to advance northwards, and furiously attacked Chaibho, which was finally evacuated by the Shantung forces at 11 a.m. on the same day. A number of Shantung troops were taken prisoner.

In contrast to Monday's report by the Nanking Military Council to the effect that the Nationalists were attacking Yenchow, to-day's message shows that they have only reached Chowhsien, which is some way south of Yenchow.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

U.S. BUYS BRITISH BONDS.

ISSUE MANY TIMES OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

New York, Apr. 18.

The Guaranty Trust Company which offered \$2,000,000 worth of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland Bonds, coincidentally with the opening of trading therein on the Stock Exchange, reports that the issue was many times over-subscribed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ARBITRATION TREATY.

AMERICA AND ITALY COME TO AGREEMENT.

Washington, Apr. 18.

Mr. Frank B. Klogg and Noble G. de Martino, the Italian Ambassador, have agreed to the terms of an Arbitration Treaty, replacing the old Root Treaty.

The new Treaty is similar to the recent Franco-American Treaty and the treaties America is negotiating with eighteen other countries.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PRAYA MOTOR SMASH.

It is understood that the charge of manslaughter against Chief Petty Officer Kolske in connexion with the Praya motor smash, is down for hearing at the Criminal Sessions on April 30.

NAVY SUPPLIERS LOSSES.

CANTEEN MANAGER'S EMBEZZLEMENT.

OVER \$13,000 SQUANDERED IN GAMBLING.

5-MONTH SENTENCE.

The Chinese canteen manager of H.M.S. Wild Swan appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of embezzling \$13,570.62 the moneys of C. Ah Ying and Co., naval contractors.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ prosecuted on behalf of the complainant Company.

When asked to plead to the charge, the defendant replied that he did not embezzle any money, but had been given some goods by the complainants.

Mr. Russ informed his Worship that the defendant had been supplied with goods, but that he had sold them and embezzled the money.

Sold Goods.

"I don't know," continued Mr. Russ, "if it could be pointed out to him that if he pleads guilty we will not press the charge, but if he pleads not guilty we will. I don't know if your Worship cares to do that."

His Worship:—I don't care to do that. I want to see what he did with the goods.

When asked, the defendant said he had sold the goods and that he had used the money.

His Worship:—Can you repay it now?

Defendant:—I am not able to pay now.

His Worship:—That amounts to a plea of guilty.

Mr. Russ said that the defendant was employed as canteen manager by C. Ah Ying & Co., naval contractors in Hongkong. The Company were the canteen tenants on board H.M.S. Wild Swan, with the defendant in charge. He assumed control on May 12, 1927, and was entrusted with goods valued over \$4,000 and since that date he received further stocks in Shanghai and Weihaiwei.

Company's Money Spent.

Yesterday, the assistant manager of the Company went on board the Wild Swan to check the accounts. Before he was given the books to examine, the defendant very straightforwardly informed him that he could check the accounts if he liked, but that he had over spent \$13,570 of the company's money.

Mr. Russ pointed out that the defendant was in a responsible position but, on the other hand, he had pleaded guilty to the offence (Continued on Page 14.)

RUBBER-PRODUCING RIVALS.

AMICABLE MEETING IN LONDON.

London, Apr. 18.

The conversations between the British and Dutch rubber producers are proceeding amicably. The Dutch producers departed on Monday, but there is no question of a breakdown in the negotiations. There are no set conferences, but the leading producers are discussing the situation and the conversations may be expected to continue for some time.—*Reuter.*

NEW EARTHQUAKE IN SOFIA.

PANIC FOLLOWS VIOLENT SHOCKS.

Sofia, Apr. 18.

A fresh earthquake far more violent than that experienced on Saturday, occurred at 9.30 p.m. last night.

The tremors resulted in a widespread panic, the terrified inhabitants rushing out into the street. At the moment no details of damage or of casualties are available.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN DEBTS TO BRITAIN.

RELUCTANT TO PRESS U.S.A. FOR PAYMENT.

STATE REPUDIATION.

London, Apr. 18.

That pressure should be brought to bear for the repayment of debts owing to Britain by certain States of the United States of America was urged in the House of Commons to-day.

The matter was brought to the attention of the House by Lieut. Col. C. K. Howard Bury, who stressed that these States had defaulted and repudiated public debts. He urged the Foreign Secretary to make representations to the United States Government to point out the hardships to bondholders, most of whom were British subjects.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson replied that after carefully considering the matter, the British Government had decided that no useful purpose would be served by making representations to the United States Government.

Lieut. Col. Howard Bury pointed out that these loans were used for the development of the particular States concerned, and that about \$78,000,000 was now owing.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson replied that he was quite well aware of the facts as outlined by the Hon. Member, but he hoped Col. Howard Bury would not press him at present.—*Reuter.*

AIR MINISTRY ASKED TO HURRY.

DUTCH MAY GET AHEAD IN EASTERN FLIGHTS.

London, Apr. 18.

The Air Ministry were asked to speed up their plans for an air service to India in the House of Commons to-day, Commander Kenworthy (Labour) leading the attack.

In reply to questions, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, said he had no knowledge of any specific official proposals by the Netherlands authorities for a Dutch air service to Batavia via British India.

Commander Kenworthy declared that the project was in the course of preparation and said that unless we hurried up the Dutch would be flying to the East Indies long before we flew to India.

Sir Samuel Hoare emphasised that he was trying to get a line to India into operation as soon as possible.—*Reuter.*

TROUBLE ON RUSSIAN BORDER.

PEASANTS KILLED BY "RED" ARMY.

Warsaw, Apr. 18.

Serious trouble is occurring on the Russo-Polish border, continual affairs having taken place between detachments of the "Red" Army and peasants according to reliable intelligence.

The trouble is chiefly over the Russian border in the villages where the peasants have refused to pay taxes, consisting of grain. A number of persons have been killed according to reports to hand, while the peasants are hiding their grain, burying it in the ground.

The Russian authorities have, it is stated, imprisoned many of the peasants until their families have delivered a certain quantity of grain.—*Reuter.*

STRENGTH OF BRITISH STERLING.

FURTHER GOLD SHIPMENTS TO ENGLAND.

New York, Apr. 18.

The continued strength of the sterling exchange is responsible for the resumption of the gold movement to England.

The Farmers Loan Trust Company is sending G.\$500,000 though sterling is still below the point at which gold shipments are financially profitable.—*Reuter.*

FLAPPER VOTE IS ENDORSED.

MOTION TO RAISE AGE DEFEATED.

POLITICAL CLOCK NOT TO BE PUT BACK.

ELECTION EXPENSES.

London, Apr. 18.
The House of Commons to-day began the Committee stage of the Bill giving votes to women at the age of twenty-one on the same terms as men.

A feature of the debate was an attempt made by some Conservative members to make twenty-five the voting age.

Sir Alexander Sprot (Conservative) moved an amendment to define the electoral age for both men and women as twenty-five, except in the case of voters already on the register.

Experience of Life.

He thought it was desirable that when people were to be put upon the roll of voters they should have some experience of life. Moreover, he claimed that there had been no demand for the vote from young women.

Miss Bondfield (Labourite), opposing the amendment, ridiculed the idea that young people of the working-class, many of whom between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one had suffered the hardships of unemployment and poverty, had had no experience of life. It was just that section of the community that interested itself in politics.

Mature Judgment.

Lord Hugh Cecil, who was among the Conservatives supporting the amendment, said the plain truth ought to be recognised that people over twenty-five were capable of political judgment more mature than people under twenty-five. The present Bill would add five million young voters to the electorate and would thus take away the political power and diminish the authority of those now exercising the vote.

Sir William Joynson Hicks (Home Secretary) characterised the amendment as a proposal to enfranchise two and half million women at the age of twenty-five and to disfranchise two and half million men between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five. He regarded that as putting back the political clock.

The amendment was rejected by 359 votes to 16.

Election Expenses.

Before the House went into Committee on the Franchise Bill, Captain Bourne and Captain Fraser, two Conservative members, respectively proposed and seconded a motion that it should be an instruction to the Committee that they had the power to insert in the Bill provisions dealing with a maximum scale of election expenses.

The amount of money which a candidate for Parliament is allowed to expend on his candidacy is based on a certain sum per head of the electorate.

Benefit Wealthy?

Supporters of the motion argued that the increase of electorate which would be created by the Bill would automatically increase the amount which candidates were entitled to spend, and that this would benefit wealthy candidates.

Labour and Liberal speakers, especially, on this ground urged the need of revision of the basis of electoral expenditure.

Sir William Joynson Hicks (Home Secretary) said the Government desired this matter to be fully discussed. The instruction was agreed to.—*British Wireless.*

MISHANDLING RUBBER SITUATION.

LABOUR PARTY WANTS TO DISCUSS MATTER.

London, Apr. 18.

The Executive Council of the Parliamentary Labour Party has decided to ask the Government to fix the earliest date possible for the discussion in the Commons of the Government's mishandling of the rubber situation.—*Reuter.*

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DIOCESAN GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE PAST YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Diocesan Old Girls Association was held last evening, Mrs. Matthews, President of the Association being in the chair.

Mrs. Matthews said:

I stand before you thoroughly conscious of how I have failed to follow, even afar off, the footsteps of my predecessor, Mrs. M. K. Lo. This consciousness is deepened when I realize the great honour done me in asking me to be President. It is a matter of great regret to me that I have not been able to inspire and establish that keenness and unity of spirit that is so essential to the success of any undertaking. My only consolation lies in that I have endeavoured.

We have had quite a busy year. At one of the Committee Meetings it was suggested that a Club House might forge a strong link to bind members together. With this aim in view the Committee set to work to raise funds. I am sorry to say that this scheme had to be abandoned. All social functions held received very little support from members. At no function was there 20 per cent. of the members present. Seeing this was the case it was thought that as members did not patronise occasional functions it could not be hoped they would support the Pavilion which would then only prove a white elephant. At the last Committee Meeting the scheme was abandoned and the funds raised were put to the General Funds, to further the aims of the Association.

In Hongkong everyone suffers because of the weather or most of our shortcomings are attributed to or excused by its vagaries. The summer is too hot, the winter too cold for us to stir. Changeable but also how often falsely maligned is weather! The fact of the truth is that we all suffer from inertia, that state in which we are all loathe to exert ourselves. The Secretary and I have attended and, I am sure, enjoyed every function. The dances I have attended I have enjoyed, although I am antiquarian enough not to have acquired this graceful accomplishment.

I do beg members to give the Association their most hearty support. If you have any suggestions to make they will be more than welcome. If you have any criticisms, they too are welcome, for they at least show you are thinking of us—but criticism to be of value must be constructive so come and back up your words with your co-operation.

Words of Thanks.

My pleasing duty it is now to put on record the faithful and ungrudging way in which our Honorary Secretary Miss Kacker has carried out her multifarious and arduous tasks. The Secretary's post is a most unenviable one—to her falls the burden of sending out notices, pleasant and unpleasant, and the heartbreaking work of sending out what I might term as signals to the void, for often scant, if any, notice is taken of her notices or appeals. On her falls the burden of all the pen and paper work, which this year has been greatly enhanced due to increased social activities. Miss Kacker has most cheerfully and efficiently borne all this, and I have therefore the greatest pleasure in thanking her on your behalf and will ask you to show your appreciation in the usual manner. Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Jex, the Hon. Treasurer; to Mrs. Urquhart for arranging swimming parties; to Miss Walters for organising entertainments; and Miss Kathleen Grose for looking after the 'inner man' at all our functions. No mean task I assure you, but most efficiently catered for by her.

UNIVERSITY LECTURE.

H.E. SPEAKS ON ANALYSIS OF THOUGHT.

In the Great Hall of the University His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., delivered an extremely interesting lecture on "Elements in an Analysis of Thought and its Activities," to a large gathering yesterday evening. His Excellency, speaking for over an hour, dealt extensively with the subject.

The gathering included Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and the following members of the Court: The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotsowall, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Rev. Bishop H. Valorta, Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, Mr. Allen Cameron, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. M. P. Falati, Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Mr. Kwok Shu-lau, Dr. S. W. Tso, and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin.

At the conclusion Mr. W. W. Hornell expressed thanks to His Excellency.

Thanks are also due to Mr. M. K. Lo and to our Vice President Mrs. Lo. Last, but not least, we must thank Miss Sawyer for her interest and support, and for the use of the school assembly hall for many of our functions. Without the co-operation and goodwill of the Head of the School the Association could do but little.

Coupled with these names I would, on my own, and on behalf of the Association, thank the Committee members for their co-operation, loyalty, and work throughout the year under review.

I will not weary you further except to wish that "this little seed which has risen and clost the soil may grow a bulk of spanless girls, that lays on every side a thousand arms and rushes to the sun." May "the iron nature in the grain fanned by the growing breeze of time, find its tops strike from star to star and its fangs move the stony bases of the world." May these things be!

Secretary's Report.

Miss Kacker, the Hon. Secretary said:

At the present time we have on role 62 members. We hope to enrol several new members shortly as quite a few girls left school at the end of the year. Absent members approximate 20. Mrs. Urquhart if it is not invidious to mention names, has been a very energetic and keen member. She ran the bathing parties most successfully last year and generally supervised sport arrangements.

In concluding I would ask members present to show their appreciation of our President's loyalty or enthusiasm in the usual manner. Although Mrs. Matthews has many calls on her time she has always found time to support, and be present at, all our functions and meetings. I would recommend to the incoming committee and all members that they show as much enthusiasm and may we try to emulate her fine example.

I would also like to say a few words regarding my position as honorary secretary. I appreciate the honour of having been appointed hon. secretary the first two years of the association's history but I feel that in an association like ours variety in the direction of affairs is good for its well being. "Young blood always has more energy," and I think we have a fine opportunity in electing new officers from last year's class I. I hereby tender my resignation, and respectfully submit that I am not eligible for re-election in any event.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Matthews; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Miss Sawyer and Miss Kacker; Hon. Treasurer, Miss Robinson; Hon. Secretary, Miss K. Grose.

Committee: Miss O. Barretto, Miss G. Chee, Miss E. Rogers, Miss M. Churn, Miss E. Coyne and Miss I. Glitting. Mrs. Urquhart and Miss E. Walters were re-elected by the retiring committee to remain on the board.

GINGER DISPUTE.

CHINESE MERCHANTS' RECENT DECISION.

Following the complaints among foreign buyers of ginger in Europe and the United States of leakage, shortage of weight, and departure from sample of cargoes of ginger arrived from Hongkong, local Chinese ginger manufacturers have held a meeting and approved regulations, which the merchants believe will rectify the evil.

The Regulations.

1. No claim in respect of the goods purchased under this contract shall be admitted after the goods have been examined and passed by the Buyers. A "Clean" Mate's Receipt issued by the steamer by which the goods are shipped shall free the Sellers from any claim for losses due to damage or leakage.

2. In case of dispute as to the quality or condition of the goods on the examination of the same by the Buyers the dispute shall be settled by arbitration. The Arbitrators shall be appointed as follows:

One European or American Merchant to be appointed by the Buyers and one Chinese Merchant to be appointed by the Sellers.

who together will survey the goods. The Arbitrators are to determine whether the Buyers are to take or to reject the goods. The Parties to the Contract agree to abide by the decision of the Arbitrators. If the Arbitrators cannot agree they shall appoint a qualified Public Surveyor in Hongkong to act as Umpire whose decision shall be final and binding on both Parties. If the goods are in order the Buyers to bear the cost of the survey but if defective the Sellers to bear the cost of the survey.

3. The time of delivery is approximate only and Sellers reserve to themselves a margin of 14 days over and above the contract time for delivery.

4. If the goods are not taken delivery of within the stipulated time the Sellers reserve the right of reselling the goods or any part thereof either by public auction or by private treaty and the Buyers shall be responsible for any loss occasioned thereby as well as for any interest and charges incurred and any accruing from such breach of contract.

5. If the price payable in respect of the goods is subject to a discount such discount shall not be allowed if the goods are not taken delivery of within the stipulated time.

6. Delay in delivery of any goods occasioned by strike, war, civil commotion, riot, famine, transportation difficulties or forces majeure of any circumstances beyond the Sellers' control shall free the Sellers from all liabilities under this Contract and the Buyers shall take delivery of the goods when the Sellers are in a position to deliver the same. If by reason of any of the matters, circumstances and acts aforesaid the Sellers are unable to deliver the goods or any part thereof the Buyers shall not be entitled to any compensation whether for non-delivery damages or otherwise whatsoever.

7. The Sellers shall not be responsible for losses while the goods are being conveyed by cargo lighter for loading if the Licence Number of the cargo lighter by which the goods are being conveyed for loading has been given to the Buyers. Open Policies against marine risks while the goods are being conveyed for loading are to be taken out by Buyers.

8. This contract shall not be affected or varied by any acts or representations of any Broker or other person employed by either party in connection therewith (whether done or made before or after the execution of the Contract) or by any endorsement upon such Contract or any part thereof, (whether made by way of addition or substitution and whether made in English or

WOMEN'S ASSAULT CASE.

BOTH PARTIES BOUND OVER.

The affair concerning the two young women who quarrelled in a goldsmith's shop in Lyndhurst Terrace culminated at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Major C. Willson.

An enormous crowd filled the Court and, observing their keen interest in the proceedings, Mr. M. K. Lo asked permission for both parties to sit down "because there is such a theatrical crowd around us."

Chu Sau, a spinster of 22, said she was the aggrieved party. She walked into the goldsmith's shop to find herself suddenly and unexpectedly greeted by the defendant with words which pained her.

Mr. Strellett pointed out that they were "words which amongst the Chinese indicated immorality or persons of immoral character."

Mr. Strellett: One can imagine what these expressions were. There is no necessity, your Worship, to repeat them in this Court for the delectation of the public.

Miss Chu Sau went on to say that she was assaulted black and blue by the defendant, who in the end scratched her nose and caused her face to bleed.

Providential Find.

Mr. Strellett later produced a witness, an amah, whom Mr. Lo described as a "providential find" for the other party, as he had been given to understand that no eye-witnesses of the affair could be procured, and had not for that matter expected one.

The amah was no other than a servant employed by the complainant's relatives. She corroborated in every detail the alleged assault by the woman to whom she referred as the "person without a queue."

That having completed the case, Mr. Strellett addressed the Court. He dwelt on the admission of assault from the defendant.

Mr. Lo said it was agreed that his client, Mrs. Woo Pui-tze, did slap the complainant, and if the other side had admitted the use of abusive language they would have considerably shortened the proceedings. As it was, they already had the kernel of the affair in the admitted troubles of the family.

He was hoping that they would be friends after that, but in the meantime he wanted to lay the foundation of friendship in a compromise and in asking the Court to bind both parties over.

His Worship observed that the assault was admitted by the one side as the use of abusive language was admitted by the other. Under the circumstances, he thought it was the best course to bind both parties over in a sum of \$50 to keep the peace for six months.

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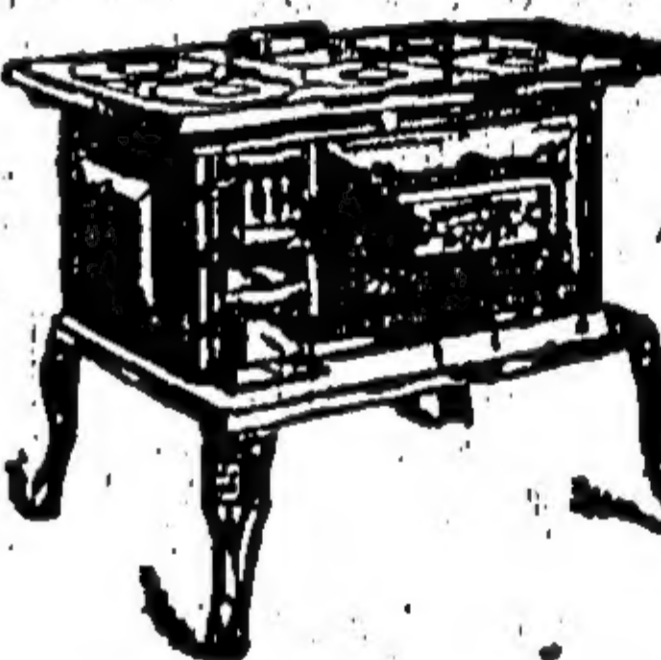
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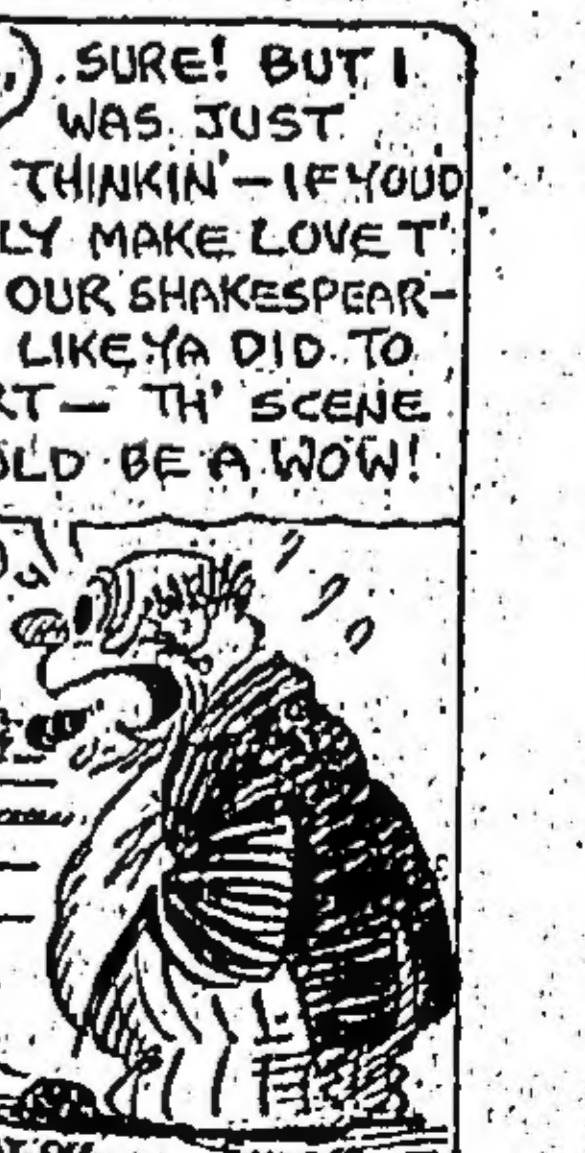
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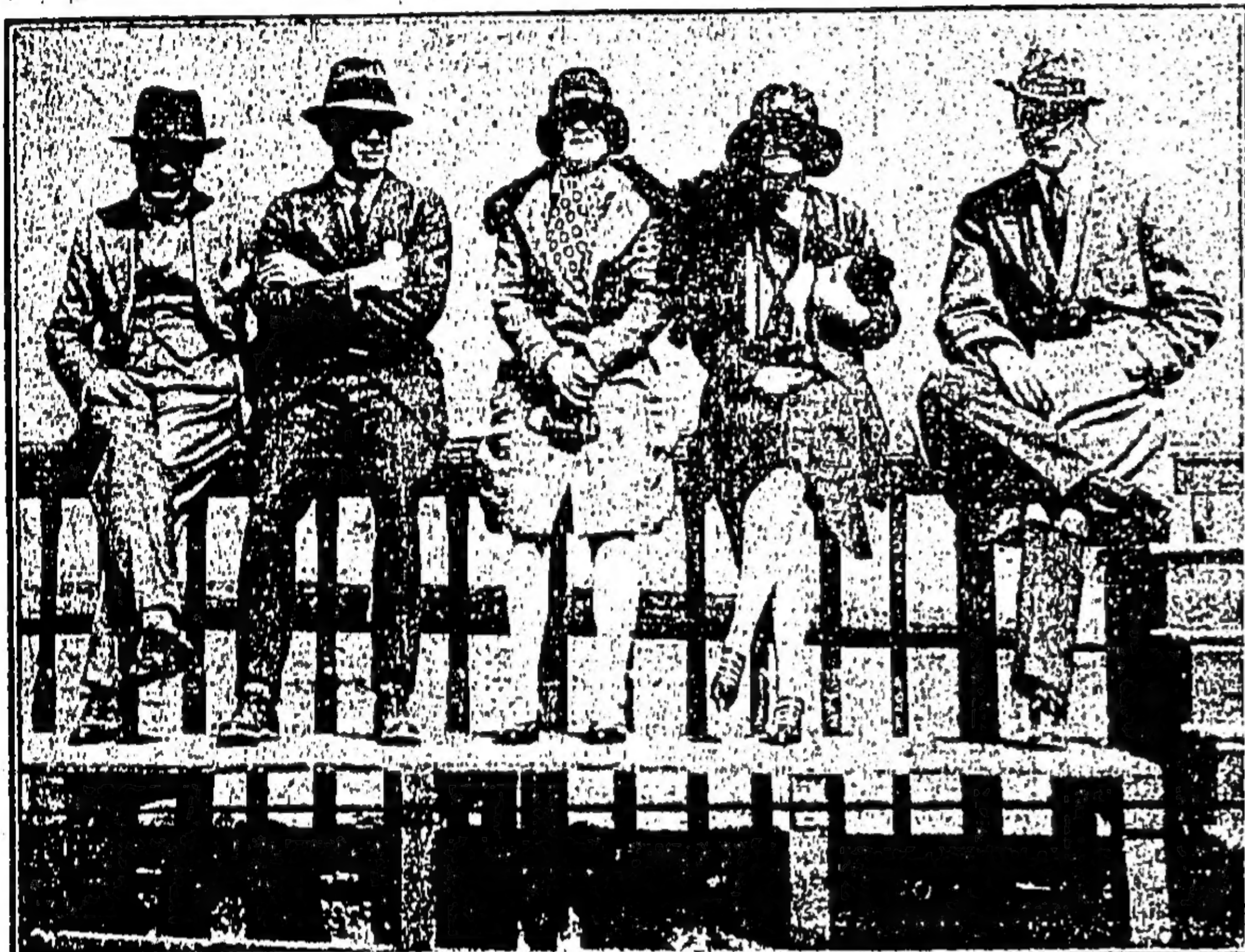
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Left, the largest commercial ship built on the Pacific coast since 1922, the Wataleale, \$1,500,000 vessel of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Co., as it slipped off the ways in San Francisco, to be commissioned in June for transpacific use. Right, Margot Armitage, 6, daughter of A. H. Armitage, general manager of the company, as she christened the vessel.



Arthur F. H. Newton, Rhodesia, who turned professional to compete in the race across the continent of America. He holds amateur records from 20 to 100 miles.



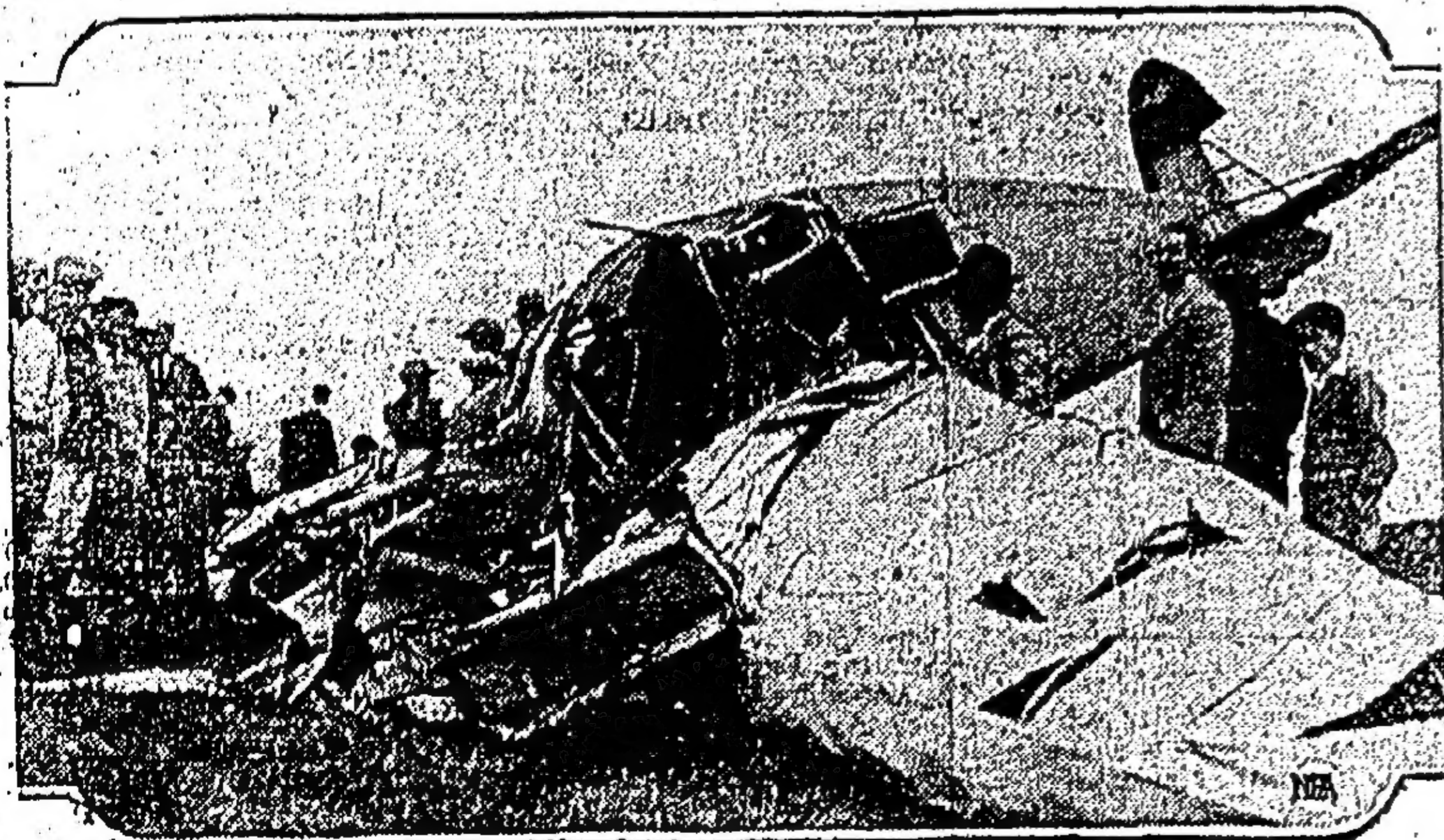
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Liddell with Mr. W. McBain and other friends snapped by the ubiquitous photographer at the second extra race meeting.



The Prince of Wales on his Lady Doone (right) leading the field in the Members Light Weight Race at the Bicester and Warden Hill Hunt Point-to-Point Meeting at Hillesden, near Buckingham. The Prince finished second. (Times copyright).



Part of the field taking a jump in the 10th. (Royal) Hussars' Regimental Challenge Cup race, one of the events in the opening day's programme of the Aldershot Military Meeting. The event was won by Mr. A. D. R. Wingfield's Knockbawn. (Times copyright).



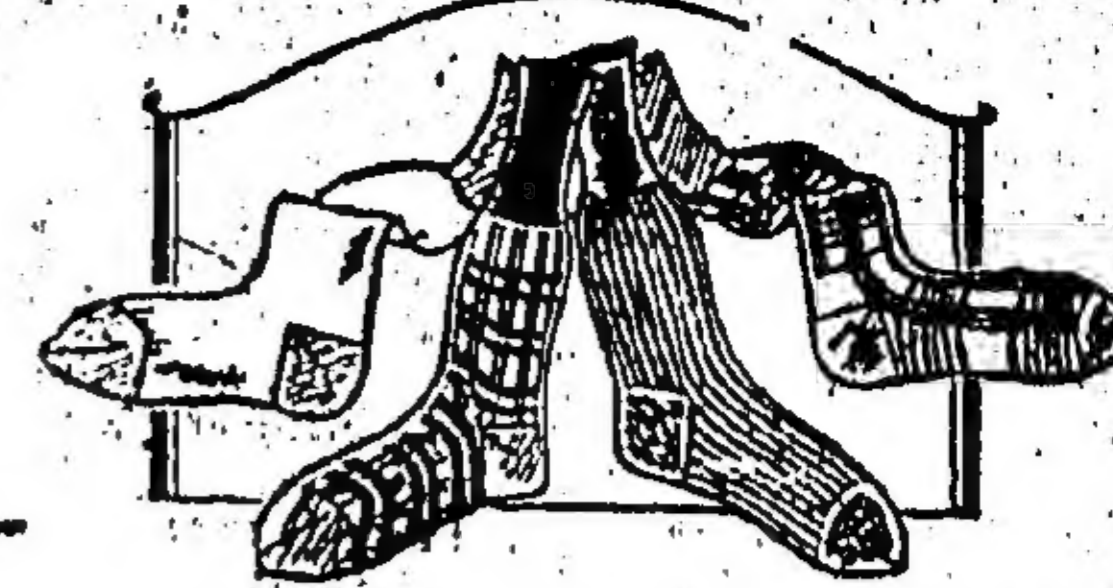
Hurling into the ground at terrific speed, this five-passenger plane crashed in a field at San Diego, Cal. the other day, killing the pilot and four passengers. The cause of the wreck is not known, but it is believed the plane ran out of fuel. W. W. Bird, designer of the ship and owner of the Bird Airlines, was the pilot. Three of the passengers were identified as Irvin Thomas, Charles H. Kidwell and Ralph Craig.



Dioudonne Costes (left) French Paris-to-New York ace, wishes good luck to Clarence Chamberlin, New York-to-Germany flier, as Chamberlin prepares to embark from Garden City, Long Island, and his long aerial tour of the country.



H. M. O'Connor, President of the Oxford University Athletic Club, leading in the Mile Race at the University Sports. He won in the fast time of 4 min. 28 1/5 sec from L. Thomas. (Times copyright).



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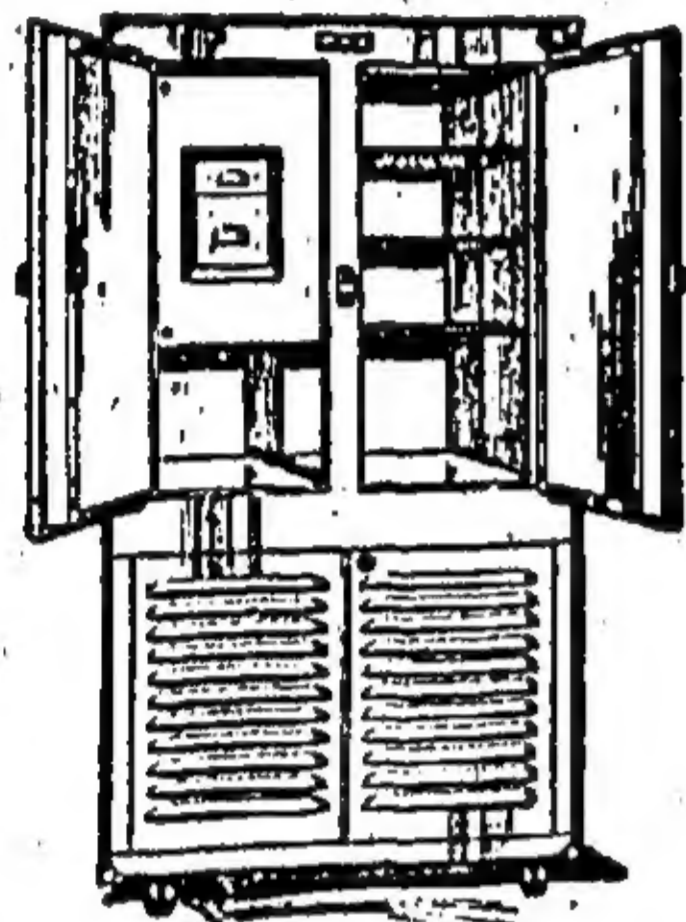
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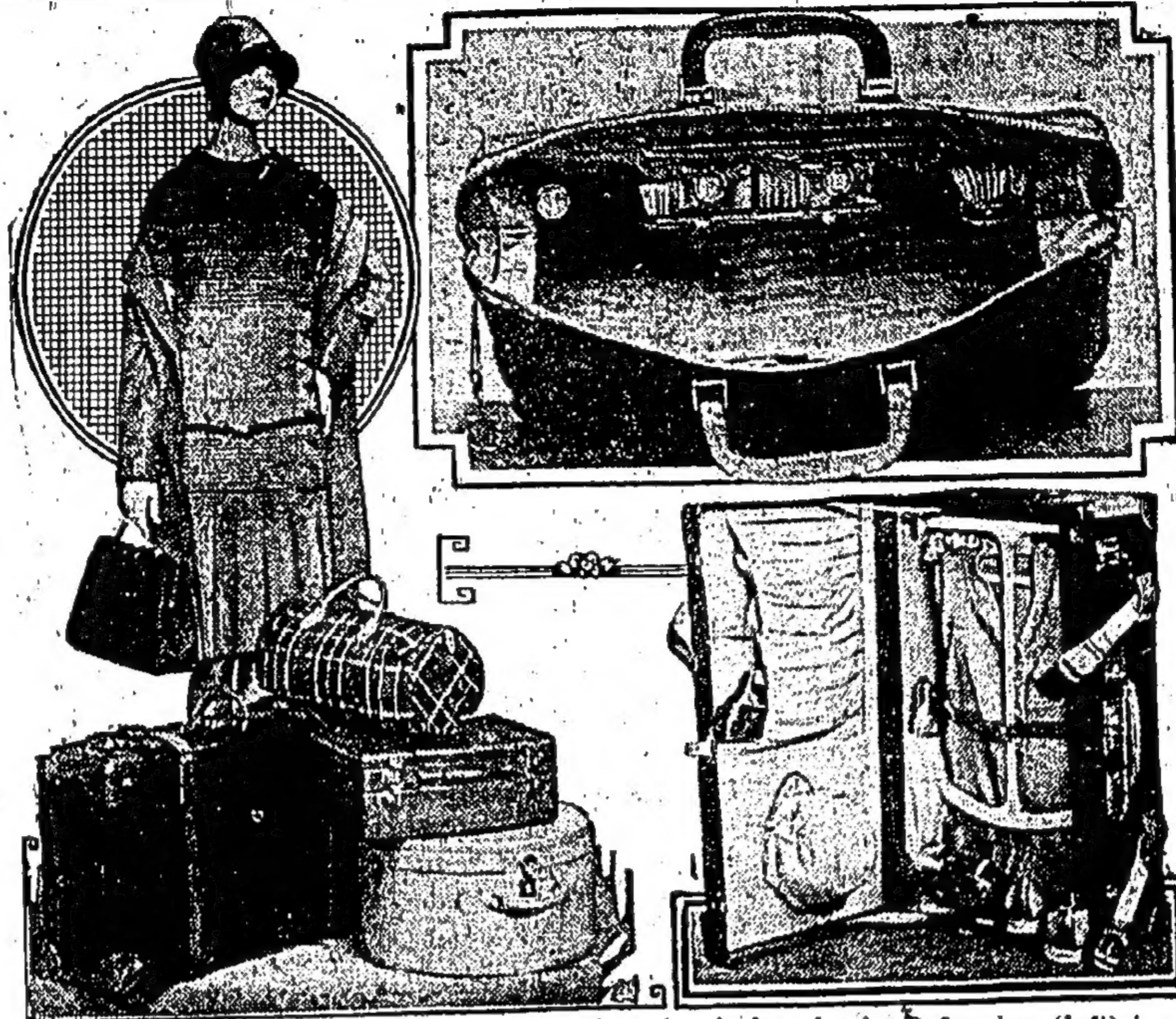
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**Women's Sports Too
Strenuous.**

[By J. W. Fisher, M.R.C.S.,
L.R.C.P.]

The present-day tendency is for women to break more and more into those sports which have generally been regarded as pre-eminently masculine.

The stronghold of Rugby has been stormed and we have heard reports of French women boxing champions, who have achieved great prowess in the ring. Muscular women are everywhere; the athletic sports girl is a type one frequently meets, and one wants to know how in the long run these people will fare in the matter of health. Is all this excessive indulgence in sport advisable?

Nobody will deny the value of sport. Exercise in the open air is always beneficial. Lungs are expanded; more oxygen is absorbed; muscles are toned up; we eat more and feel better.

It is when women overdo things that trouble commences. Then, feminine disorders become increasingly frequent. The woman who likes a game of tennis or golf is to be commended, but the woman who desires to excel at Rugby or boxing is selling her womanhood for a mess of pottage.

Certain games and sports are eminently suitable for women; Rugby and boxing emphatically are not.

Women should never forget that they are women, on whom nature has imposed certain restrictions. When they essay to break these bonds, then they can seldom hope for happy motherhood. Having children these days may be considered old-fashioned; but, after all, motherhood is the great end of nature, and we cannot kick against nature and "get away with it." The modern woman wants to, tries to, and suffers in consequence.

The muscle that is being over-developed, the body that is being

strained by the stress of physical combat in the ring or in the field, or even of incessant and protracted tennis tournaments, is demanding more and more blood for its sustenance. It gets this blood, but at the expense of the creative organs. And when woman's big moment comes, something goes wrong.

If a man receives a blow on his chest, ill-effects seldom ensue, but a woman's breast is a more delicate structure, and an abscess or cancer is always a possibility.

Let us ignore the blather of our professional muscle merchants, who rant that "sports do not harm women," without any sense of the fitness of things. Naturally they have no use for moderation, because the more, women they train and the more muscles they coax up, the more luxuries they will be able to afford. These stimulating people, who think more of the crack of a muscle than the cry of a child, have never to become mothers, which perhaps is a good thing for the world. Despite them, most women will put children before muscular dexterity.

London Clubs.

WHY THEY ARE ADMITTING WOMEN.

[By An Old Member.]

The serious financial plight in which many well-known and old-established London clubs find themselves has led in some cases to the admission of women members; and the number of these mixed clubs is to be increased.

The difficulties of the clubs are due mainly to two factors. First, there is the competition of the restaurants. Club members, especially of the younger sort, are wont to forsake the more sedate atmosphere of the club for places where they can listen to an orchestra and enjoy the company of women.

If anyone had suggested admitting women to clubs forty years ago—even in an annex—he would have been locked up. One must,

however, face facts as they are, and it is indisputable that clubs are crying out for members. Now and then one hears of some public man being rejected, but there is a strong suspicion that this is done more as an advertisement for the club than as a reflection against the man's character. Blackballing has always been a somewhat reprehensible and cowardly practice, and if the present dearth of candidates brings no other benefit, it has practically killed the blackballing fiend.

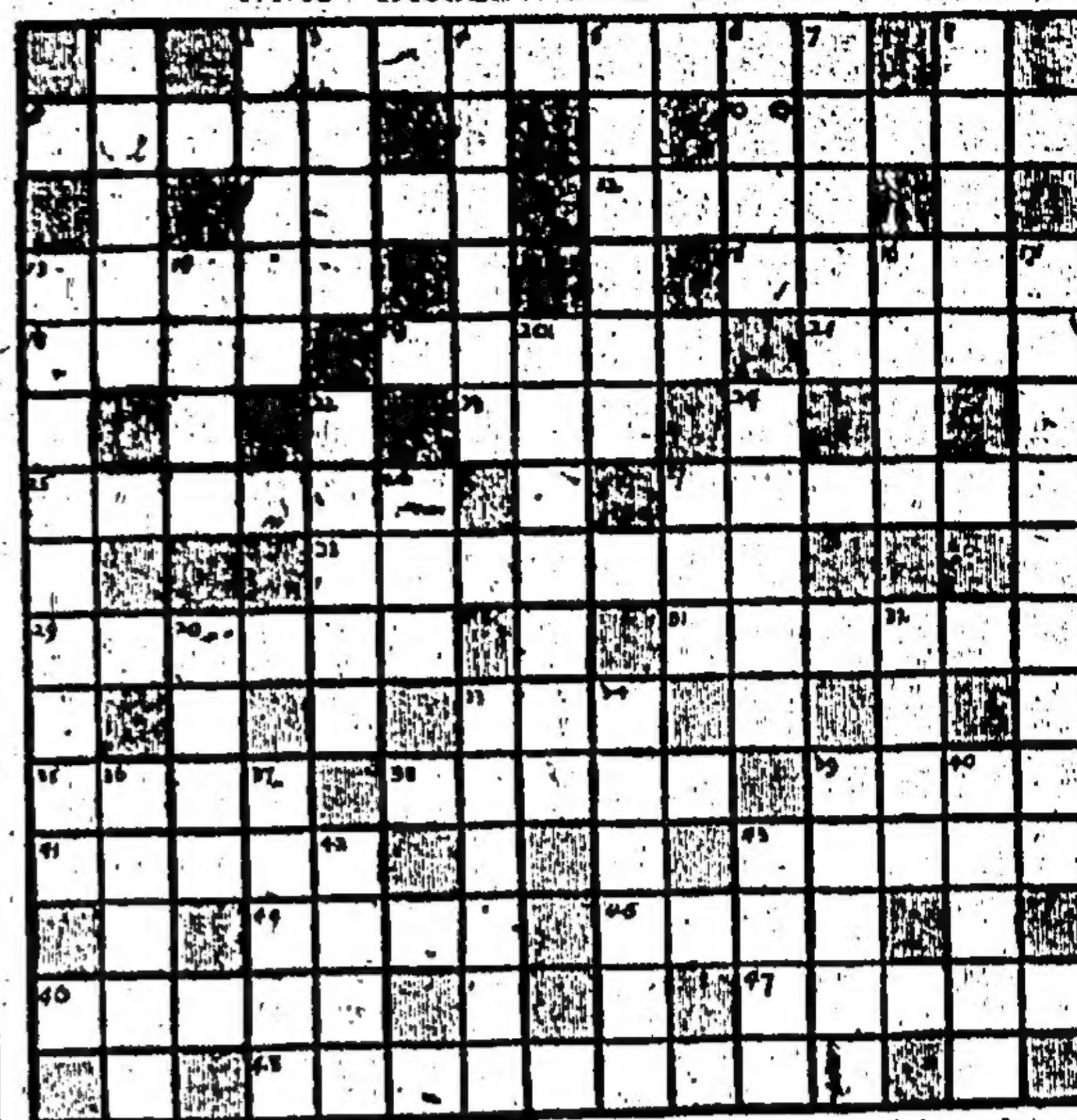
I am old enough to remember that if women were taken to dine at one of the very few clubs to which in those days they were admitted, a sort of thrill went through them, for they anticipated that in some way or other they were going to be associated with wickedness. It was considered almost a "fast" thing in the early eighties to dine at a man's club.

The latest sensation in clubland is the projected admission of women to two more old-established clubs. Even more startling is the rumour that two of the best known clubs are contemplating amalgamation.

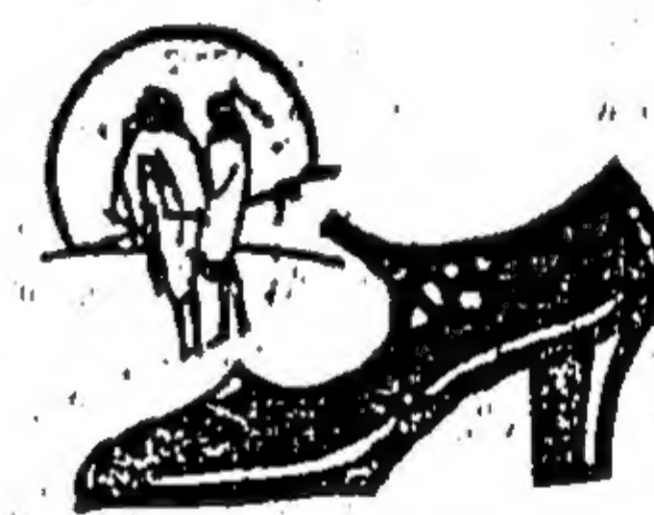
The second reason for the famine in club membership is undoubtedly taxation. Once upon a time I had the privilege of belonging to five first-class clubs. I now belong to only two. And this necessary reduction applies to hundreds of other men, and the effect is felt throughout clubland.

Every club has a fixed roll of membership. This has got to be kept up. Against it are increased subscription (in some cases double), increased rent, increased salaries, increased cost of meals.

How are all the clubs to carry on? If the present rate of taxation continues they can only maintain their full membership at the cost of the social side, and all distinction and cachet in belonging to a good London club will cease to exist.

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 - 18 Tear asunder.
 - 19 Copper coin.
 - 21 Mark made by a blow.
 - 23 Spot.
 - 25 Master.
 - 27 Small leaping beetle.
 - 28 Repair.
 - 29 Drawn in outline.
 - 31 Fibrous substance used in tying.
 - 33 High mountain.
 - 35 Obscure.
 - 38 Mineral substance used for polishing metal.
 - 39 Divide in portions.
 - 41 Perceive the flavour of.
 - 43 Worn out.
 - 44 Obtain by labour.
 - 45 By reason of.
 - 46 Retains.
 - 47 Sweetly perfumed flowers.
 - 48 Number.
- Down.
- 1 Look fixedly.
 - 2 Finished.
 - 3 Close by.
 - 4 Swayed in walking.
 - 5 Unoccupied.
 - 6 Ascended.
 - 7 Satisfied.
 - 8 Commence.
 - 13 Writer of plays.
 - 14 Houses for the lodging of travellers.
 - 16 Cessation of motion.
 - 17 Perpetually.
 - 20 The largest British bat.
 - 22 Small lakes.
 - 24 Flattened fold.
 - 26 Colour.
 - 27 Sin.
 - 30 Influenced by fear.
 - 32 Run away from.
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COUNCIL REFORM.

Having for many years stressed Kowloon's claim for direct representation on the Legislative Council, we welcome Sir Henry Pollock's championing of the cause by the question which he is asking on the subject this afternoon. Hitherto, the suggestion which has found most favour is that His Excellency the Governor, in nominating Unofficials, should make a point of selecting at least one Kowloon resident. Sir Henry Pollock, however, would apparently go a little further by getting the Constitution amended so as to cover the point. The advantage of that method, of course, would be that Kowloon's right would be definitely acknowledged; there would be no question of the representation depending on the goodwill of whoever might be the Colony's Governor. At the time of writing, we do not know what attitude the Government will take on the issue, but Kowloon people entertain the hope that it will be one of sympathy towards their legitimate aspirations.

We can, for the moment, leave this particular issue of specific Kowloon representation and look at one or two larger matters associated therewith. One point which occurs to us is that if there is to be any question of revising the Constitution of the Colony, the occasion should be taken to deal with other aspects of the problem which have long called for attention. Whilst we consider that the preservation of the Official Majority is distinctly advisable, owing to peculiar local conditions, we have long held the view that reform in other directions is overdue. What is most essential is that residents of the Colony should be given the opportunity of taking a much more direct interest in its affairs than is possible under existing conditions. We are thoroughly convinced that there is "civic spirit" in Hongkong, but at present it has practically no opportunity of manifesting itself. That would all be changed if our system of Council representation were altered. This could be done by having the Constitution so amended as to provide for the election of our Unofficials by popular vote, on an electorate which could be devised for the purposes, instead of by nomination of the Governor, the

Justices of the Peace and the Chamber of Commerce as at present. The dual effect of this would be that representation and taxation would go hand in hand, and our Councillors would be directly responsible to the public. The method of selecting the Chinese Unofficials also needs revision. This is a very big and intricate problem, but we feel it will be wise statesmanship to take it up before the logic of events brings it to the fore.

It may surprise many of our readers to learn that this question of Council representation was a very burning one in the very early days of the Colony. Only three years after we came into possession of Hongkong, there were insistent demands for public representation. It was then complained that the Governor determined upon certain measures. Ordinances were drawn up, and whilst members of the Council could express their opinions, they were not permitted to offer any opposition. One writer asserted that "such a Council may suit the Pasha of Egypt, but in this British Colony it is shameful." Present-day conditions are rather better than that, but, all the same, they still leave a good deal to be desired. It is interesting to recall that Hongkong's first Unofficials were appointed eight years after the Colony was founded. This step followed continuous demands by the public, which culminated in a big meeting, convened by an official then known as the Sheriff, on representations by mercantile firms. That gathering was followed by a petition to the Home authorities, with the result that the Governor was authorised to nominate two members. Instead, however, he called the Justices of the Peace together and told them that it would be better if they themselves made the nominations. As a consequence, Mr. David Jardine and Mr. J. F. Edger were chosen and in due time they were sworn in as, to use the Governor's words, "gentlemen in my estimation. In every way qualified for seats on the Council." Thus began Unofficial representation on our legislative body, to which it is now being suggested that a Kowloon member should be appointed.

The "Royal Oak" Finale.

The Board of the Admiralty has not hesitated in the apportionment of blame for the "Royal Oak" scandal, and though strong disapproval is expressed of the procedure adopted by Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel, the decision to retire Rear-Admiral Bernard Collard may be freely interpreted as vindication of their underlying motive, or at least, as full realisation of the impossible circumstances under which they were labouring. Rear-Admiral Collard's punishment, terribly severe though it is, will occasion little surprise having regard to the pettiness disclosed during the court-martial. The Admiralty Board placed the situation in a nutshell in stating that "the initial blame for what happened must lay with Rear-Admiral Collard in dealing with trivial causes of dissatisfaction in a manner unbecoming to his position and showing himself unfit for high rank." This is condemnation indeed, and indicates that force of public opinion alone did not dictate the action taken. The sentences on Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel have been confirmed, not because there were no wrongs to be righted, but because their methods were "unconstitutional," and, therefore, in the sacred cause of discipline, not to be easily forgiven. A useful purpose will have been served if the review of the regulations, forced upon the Board by certain anomalies revealed in the case, brings about revisions which will render the position of a junior officer with a grievance a little clearer. After all is said and done, the Royal Navy's credit has suffered little despite the "dirty linen" exhibited, and the present case apart, it is satisfactory to note that high rank does not automatically absolve from criticism an officer of the British Senior Service.

Major R. H. Lucas, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.M.C., will read a paper on "Some Surgical Disarrangements of the Knee Joint" at the meeting of the Hongkong University Medical Society to-day at 8.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by Professor K.H. Digby.

DAY BY DAY.

HEALTH IS THE GREATEST GIFT, CONTENTEDNESS THE BEST RICHES.

Yesterday's health return shows one British case of typhoid and a Chinese case of diphtheria.

Mr. M. Masaki will speak on "What do we Believe?" at the weekly public lecture of the Theosophical Society to-day at 8 p.m. at the Lodge, 7 Duddell Street.

The case in which two Chinese were charged with the theft of 12 gallons of gasoline from the P.W.D. was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday afternoon. One of the men was fined \$150, or two months, and the other \$75.

Dr. Lilias Dovey, wife of Dr. J. E. Dovey, has been a patient in Kowloon Hospital for several days suffering from acute dengue. Her many friends will be glad to hear that she is now well on the way to recovery.

A Chinese woman living in Fungling North village, New Territories, committed suicide yesterday, by hanging herself from a beam in her home. It was stated by the villagers that the woman had on two previous occasions attempted to take her life. She had been worried over her husband, who had been abroad for the past 13 years.

The s.s. Mishima Maru, which arrived in port this morning, brought a large party of Australian tourists, en route for Japan. Among those on board were Messrs. W. D. James, late General Manager of The Daily Telegraph Newspaper Co., Tasmania; E. A. Harper, of Messrs. P. Sheehan Printing Limited, Melbourne; David Lewis, of Messrs. Love and Lewis, Melbourne; and John Cooke, of Messrs. Cooke and Son, Ltd., of Adelaide.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave a heavy arrival list with improved tonnage, but inward freights were low. Although through freights were individually better, there were only nine registries under the heading. With 19 arrivals and 17 departures, British topped the list with seven and eight respectively, leaving 78 vessels in harbour, of which 26 were British. The heavy figures under both inward and through were Japanese and German.

The Bishop of Victoria, together with Archdeacon Mok and the Rev. C. I. Blanchett, left yesterday to attend the 6th Triennial Meeting of the General Synod of the Chinese Church (The Chung Hwa Shoung Kung Hui), to be held at Shanghai from the 21st to the 29th April. The Bishop hopes to return on May 5. During his absence the Dean will act as Commissary. Official business will be attended to by the Diocesan Chaplain, Bishop's House, St. Paul's College.

BANISHEE SENTENCED.

ASKS FOR LONGER PRISON TERM.

For returning to the Colony after having been banished for five years from July 20th last year, a Chinese was sentenced by Major C. Willson this morning to six months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch.

When the defendant, who had a previous conviction against him for breach of the Opium Ordinance, heard the sentence, he asked his Worship to give him a longer period of imprisonment instead of the birch.

His Worship, however, failed to see his way to amend the sentence.

VARSITY HOSTEL.

MORRISON HALL EXTENSION SCHEME.

In connexion with the Morrison Hall extension scheme of a hostel for students of the London Mission at the Hongkong University, the foundation stone is to be laid on Tuesday next by the Rev. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E., LL.D. This is to commemorate the erection of the east wing and extension to the present University which will complete the quadrangle as intended on the original scheme, commenced in 1911.

The new wing will comprise sixteen cubicles for students, a large dining hall and spacious lounge, additional bathroom accommodation, and alterations to the ground floor of the existing wing to be occupied by the Warren of the University for the London Mission Society; also verandahs will be constructed on the north side.

The new block will command a fine view of the harbour and the distant hills of the mainland. The original scheme for this University was carried out in 1911 from a design by Mr. E. A. Rym, F.R.I.B.A., one of the retired members of the firm of Neilson, Ram and Gibbs, architects and civil engineers, and the present extension has been designed by Mr. E. F. R. Sample, A.R.I.B.A., who is also a member of this firm.

EMBEZZLEMENT AND FORGERY.

GOVERNMENT CLERK SENT TO PRISON.

U Kwok-ming a young Government clerk employed in the office of the Government Analyst, was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, with embezzlement of two sums of \$25 each, and with forging and issuing false receipts for these amounts.

The charges were admitted, and Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who appeared for the defence, asked for leniency in view of the long record of 20 years' service with the Government and of the defendant's father and of the defendant's own record which extended for nearly ten years.

Straitened circumstances had compelled the defendant to appropriate the monies, which he had intended, however, to reimburse from his salary when he got it. Discovery came before this could be done.

Continuing, Mr. Hodgson said that the charges of forging and issuing false receipts were bound up with the main count of embezzlement, with which his Worship agreed.

His Worship considered the application for leniency, but, at the same time, observed that in view of the position of the defendant as a Government servant, the offence could not be viewed in any other but a serious light.

His Worship imposed sentences aggregating two months' hard labour.

DEATH OF LORD DALZIEL.

PIONEER OF SLEEPING CARS AND TAXICABS.

London, Apr. 18.

The death has occurred of Lord Dalziel of Wooler, the pioneer of sleeping-cars and motor-cabs.

Lord Dalziel, who was 74 years of age, was formerly Sir Davidson Dalziel, and sat as M.P. for the Brixton Division of Lambeth from 1910 until he was created a Peer last year. He was closely connected with many important commercial enterprises and was best known to the public as the President of the International Sleeping Car Company.

Largely through his efforts the company has extended its services throughout Europe, one of his many achievements being the Blue Train to the Riviera, which is considered the finest train in the world.

Among other things, Lord Dalziel introduced the motor-cab to London, personally guaranteeing the £250,000 required to finance the first motorcab company. He dies without heir.

British Wireless.

HAWKER FOUND WITH OPIUM.

SENT TO GAOL FOR SIX MONTHS.

A fine of \$800, with the alternative of six months' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a Chinese hawker of cooked rice on the Kowloon-Canton trains, for being in possession of ten taels of prepared opium.

A second man, represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, was jointly charged with possession of the opium, but, on the hawker admitting the charge, Mr. Russ' client was acquitted.

It was stated that a detective saw the first defendant hand a parcel to the second defendant in Canton Road, last night. Both men were detained, and, on the parcel being opened, it was found to contain a jacket in which was wrapped the opium.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Apr. 18.

Paris	124
Geneva	25.83
Berlin	20.42
Oslo	18.24
Helsingfors	19.4
Athens	87.24
Buenos Aires	47.18/10
Hongkong	2/0 3/4
New York	48.8 11/32
Amsterdam	12.105/32
Stockholm	18.18
Vienna	34.725
Madrid	29.08
Bucharest	780 1/2
Bombay	1/5.81/32
Yokohama	1/11.15/32
Brussels	34.98
Milan	92.50
Copenhagen	18.20
Prague	16.4
Lisbon	5.59/64
Shanghai	2/0 3/4
Silver (spot and forward)	23 1/2

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

One of the ladies assembled at the club was describing the wedding she had just attended.

"And then, just as Frank and the widow started up the aisle to the altar, every light in the church went out."

The listeners exclaimed over the catastrophe. "And what did the couple do then?" someone questioned. "Kept on going. The widow knew the way."

Those who applauded the decision of Chicago women's societies to cancel addresses of Miss Maude Royden because she smokes cigarettes will doubtless be surprised to hear that Miss Megan Lloyd George has gone Miss Royden one better. The daughter of Britain's wartime Prime Minister recently attended a fancy dress ball as Queen Victoria, but perpetrated a glaring anachronism by indulging in a casual cigarette. When it was called to her attention that the home life of Queen Victoria did not include the use of tobacco, Miss Lloyd George promptly turned the laugh against her informant by dashing the cigarette on the floor and repeating the famous cry of Queen Victoria as a girl: "I will be good! I will be good!"

Willesden woman: I want summonses for threats against the upstairs daughter and the downstairs son.

Judge Crawford to a Southend book-maker: If you are half as plausible on the racecourse as you have been in this court, I think you make a good deal more than £3 to £4 a week as you say.

Man at Mansfield: I have no lies to tell, because I know you do not have any lies told in this court.

A man, accused at Willesden of stealing a spare wheel, said that he bought it at Rag Fair, Notting Dale. Magistrate: Where is the receipt? Man: To ask for a receipt in Rag Fair is to ask for a chick em.

Another Parliamentary story by Mr. MacRobert told of a bout between Mr. Lloyd George and a heckler.

Mr. Lloyd George, at a public meeting began, "Ladies and gentlemen, I am here—"

Heckler: "Yes, and so am I here."

Mr. Lloyd George: "Yes my friend, but you're not all there."

Mr. Snowden, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, presiding at the annual meeting of the Land Nationalisation Federation, at Essex Hall, said: "Once you have women interested in any question experience proves that one woman is equal to twelve men."

It was little Jackie's first experience in a train, and the suggestion of wonders had reduced him to a state of astonishment.

When the locomotive plunged into a tunnel there came from his corner sundry gasps indicating dismay and suspicion. Then the train rushed into daylight again, and a voice was lifted in profound thankfulness and wonder. "Mamma! It's tomorrow."

A statement that brooches set with a genuine diamond could be purchased at 3s. 6d. or 4s. 6d. a dozen was made at Marlborough-street Police Court by a salesman and confirmed by a jeweller, when Sydney Israel Freedman, aged twenty-nine, a salesman, of Loftus-villas, Shepherd's Bush, was accused of obstructing the high-way in Oxford-street.

Police Constable McLoughlin said that Freedman exhibited a card which stated:—

"£1,000 Challenge.—It is possible to sell diamonds in the street! Pay one shilling, and take a cabinet. £1,000 reward if not genuine diamonds."

Freedman said, in reply to Mr. Mead, the magistrate, that the diamonds in brooches mentioned in the case were genuine, and that he could purchase such brooches at 3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d. a dozen.

Mr. Louis Sable, a jeweller, of Quaisey-lane, Tottenham, said that the brooches could be obtained at the price stated. It was a fact that diamonds could be bought in Hutton-garden for sixpence each. Freedman was fined 10s. for the obstruction.

Advertising is the cheapest form of selling.—Sir Charles Higham.

Only one person out of every five hundred in this country possesses a hot-water bottle.—Sir Stanley Bole.

If you want to smoke buy a pipe and some "honey," and smoke like men.—Sir Granville Rytte (to emigrants).

Shortly after nine o'clock last night an alarm of fire was raised at No. 81, Wing Lok Street where a small blaze broke out in a chimney. A fire brigade arrived on the scene and put out the flames without much difficulty.

ATTACKED IN THE STREET.

KOWLOON DAYLIGHT ROBBERY SEQUEL.

BOGUS SEARCHERS.

After being knocked down by a blow on the temple delivered by one of three robbers who set upon him in daylight in Canton Road, Kowloon, and robbed of a purse containing \$225 in Hongkong currency and 10/- in English money, recently, Yung Shun-yuen, the master of a rattle chair shop at 509, Canton Road, chased one of his alleged assailants for nearly half a mile and finally captured him. The sequel was heard at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr. Justice Wood and a jury when Sung Wing was charged with the robbery on March 24 which he denied.

Prosecuting for the Crown, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy explained that the complainant had changed some money and was walking along Canton Road when three men approached him and, saying that they were police searchers, began to search him.

A Serious Matter.

As they knew, commented counsel, the police had certain rights of search and all law-abiding Chinese citizens in the Colony submitted to police search. It was, therefore, a very serious matter for police searchers to be impersonated.

The complainant adopted the usual custom of putting up his hands, when the prisoner struck him on the right temple and knocked him down. All three then set upon him and one, tearing open his jacket, took the purse containing the money from an inside left pocket, after which they all ran away. Immediately on being released, the complainant ran after his assailants who, however, branched off in different directions. However he kept the prisoner in view and after a chase for a distance of nearly half a mile, along a devious route, the prisoner stumbled and fell, in Austin Road. The complainant, who had been close behind, immediately tackled the man, someone blew a police whistle and a policeman came on the scene. The policeman would give evidence to the effect that both men were panting as though they had been running.

Prisoner's Denial.

From the moment the prisoner was arrested, continued Mr. Fitzroy, he said that other people had taken the money, which seemed to be an admission that he had seen the affair.

At the Police Station the prisoner made a statement to the effect that he was in Canton Road merely as a look-on when the incident occurred when he saw two men try to search the complainant. "What does a mere look-on mean by running and doubling to and fro along back streets for 700 yards if he had nothing whatever to do with the robbery?" asked Mr. Fitzroy.

Replying to his Lordship, Mr. Fitzroy said nothing was found on the prisoner, and the man who had the money got away. Those two others had vanished and there was no evidence as to what happened to them.

Denying the charge the prisoner said he saw two men tackle the plaintiff but took no part himself.

Two Years Sentence.

After a short retirement the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty," with which his Lordship expressed agreement, saying he thought there was no doubt. He sentenced prisoner to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

PASSING BAD COINS.

EXCUSES WHICH DID NOT CONVINC.

Although caught red-handed in the act of endeavouring to pass a bad 20-cent piece at a sugar-cane hawk's stall on the waterfront, a Chinese boy offered a number of ingenious explanations in the Police Court when charged this morning. He said he did not know that the coin was bad. He had delved his hand into the wrong pocket; otherwise, he would have been reminded of the fact that he had five coppers on him, each of which would have been sufficient to cover the extent of his purchase.

As regards two other equally bad 20-cent pieces which were found in another pocket, he stated that he had been under the impression that they were genuine coins. It was just his luck that he should have selected a third bad coin to offer to the hawk.

With regard to the remaining five-cent pieces on the list of "discovers" made by the policeman, defendant said he had intended to utilise these as buttons for his new suit.

"That excuse won't wash," Mr. R. E. Lindsell remarked, as he ordered twelve strokes with the cane.

COLONY'S CRIME CALENDAR.

STARTLING INCREASE LAST YEAR.

GAOL AGAIN OVERCROWDED WITH PRISONERS.

BIG DAILY AVERAGE.

Serious increase in crime in the Colony last year is disclosed by the annual reports of the Government Departments concerned which have just come to hand.

The Police Magistrates' report shows that the increases cover practically the full range of offences, petty and serious, while it is notable that over 350 persons were convicted for larceny in excess of the figure for 1926.

Against an estimated population of 890,400, the daily average of prisoners in the gaols was 1,189, a figure which is much in excess of previous figures.

Over 7,000 Prisoners.

The report of the Superintendent of Prisons states that the number of prisoners received into prison during 1927 was 7,740 as against 6,511 in 1926.

This represents an increase of 1,229 on the total number of admissions. There was an increase of prisoners convicted for larceny, the number being 1,452 against 1,083 for the previous year.

The number of Revenue Grade prisoners admitted to prisons was 4,842 which shows that 74 per cent. of the total admissions were Revenue Grade prisoners. Victoria Gaol was again overcrowded and additional congestion was caused through having to accommodate sick prisoners in the Hospital. It is hoped that the new Hospital will be ready for occupation early in 1928.

Work in Gaols.

In the printing shop 33,857,160 forms were printed and issued to various Government Departments and 123,620 books bound or repaired as compared with 13,319,014 forms and 74,039 books in 1926. The introduction of a wire stitching machine resulted in a marked increase in the number of books bound and repaired.

Four prisoners succeeded in a combined attempt to escape on November 10th.

At the Lai Chi Kok Prison much progress has been made with the land resumed in 1926—which has been largely cultivated and reclaimed. This land affords much needed useful employment for prisoners at Lai Chi Kok, where there was no escape or attempt at escape.

Twenty-One Executions.

There were 616 punishments awarded for breach of prison discipline as compared with 516 for the preceding year. Corporal punishment was inflicted in thirteen cases for prison offences, while 171 prisoners were whipped by order of courts.

There were 35 deaths (14 natural causes and 21 executions). The general health of the staff has been good. There has been a marked decrease in malarial cases at Lai Chi Kok and practically no dysentery. This decrease is attributed to the conversion of the low lying area resumed in 1926 from an evil smelling swamp into prepared land.

The daily average of prisoners was 1,189, the greatest in the history of the Colony and represent 136 per cent. of the population, also a new high record. The 1926 figures were 1,054 and 134 respectively, and the large increase in recent years is shown by the figures for 1922 which were 787 and 119 respectively.

Police Courts.

The report of the Police Magistrates' Courts shows that the number of cases during the year was 32,122 as compared with 30,516 in 1926, while the Revenue was \$223,811.97 as compared with \$233,529.18 in 1926. The number of cases was over 1,500 greater than ever before, while the revenue is only exceeded by the years 1926 and 1924.

FIRST RIDE ON TRAM.

WANTED TWO TRIPS FOR ONE TICKET.

Charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, with failing to pay his tram-fare, a Chinese, 25 years of age, advanced as an extenuating circumstance the fact that it was his first ride in a tram. He did not know the regulations and believed that he was entitled to a second ride on a ticket which he had bought on another tram.

His story was not believed, a fine of \$3, or five days' imprisonment, being imposed.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Chinese and Western Music—What Mr. Ore is doing—Finding a Common Basis of Appreciation.

[BY "ALLEGRO".]

I wonder if readers can give instances of any successful attempts to transcribe Chinese melodies into Western piano music, so that the result is pleasurable to Chinese and Europeans alike. So far as I know, the pioneer work along these lines is being done locally by Mr. Harry Ore, the Lettish pianist and composer, with the able collaboration of Mr. Pun In-tat, who is an amateur expert in Chinese music, with the reputation of having an extensive knowledge of Chinese music literature, being an author of several Chinese music books and of being able to play all their standard instruments. Their work promises to have remarkable results; nothing to equal it or even approach it has been accomplished, or, if it has, the person responsible has not thought it worth while to publish the results of his labours.

All the pieces so far produced in Europe or America, purporting to be "Chinese pieces" or to have an Oriental atmosphere about them, are utterly unlike any Chinese music and would make no impression on the Chinese themselves. What Mr. Harry Ore is doing is to produce complete Chinese songs or melodies (which in the original have no alto, tenor or bass part in their composition), cleverly and effectively arranged as piano solos, with harmony and counterpoint such as he would use in his own compositions. This is not a thing that can be done by anyone with a gift for composition.

To begin with, Mr. Ore saturated himself in Chinese music for at least a year and has continued to do so right up to the present time. He made a study of the Chinese scale; found out why certain notes on their instruments sound so much out of tune to us and why pianos seem dreadfully out of tune to them. Convinced that there must be something attractive about their standard melodies, he determined to find out what it was and ultimately acquired a great liking for them. He continually visited Chinese restaurants and called for "sing-song" girls, not because he derived pleasure from their method of singing but to study the rhythm and character of their melodies. It takes a musician, and a very keen one, to study Oriental music at first hand in such a manner and for such a protracted period. And it takes a talented composer to make Western pieces of them, not with a mere vamping accompaniment, but with clever harmonies and modulations so that the result is an effective, if bizarre, piano piece for a Western concert platform.

In some cases Mr. Harry Ore has actually developed his counterpoint so that one well-known Chinese melody is given out by the right hand and a totally different one is brought out simultaneously by the left. The effect is that the Chinese, who are accustomed to listening to only one melody, can thus acquire the faculty of listening to two tunes at once, and that is the beginning of their understanding and appreciation of Western music. This is immensely significant.

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DARING SHANGHAI ROBBERY.

GANG REALISES ON PASS-BOOK.

\$20,000 DRAWN FROM BANK ACCOUNT.

WOMAN IS GAGGED.

Shanghai, Apr. 14. Clever variety was introduced into methods of robbers in Shanghai on Thursday when a gang of Chinese, relatives of the woman they victimized, visited the woman's home, overpowered and bound with ropes everybody in the house, and then, armed with her chop and bank pass-book, proceeded to draw out of a bank the sum of \$20,000 standing to her credit.

The robbery was committed so cleverly that the whole gang of five people managed to get away with money without being caught. The first act of the robbery was staged at 663 Yates Road at 8 a.m., on Thursday, when three Chinese called at the house. They were admitted by two other Chinese, and the five proceeded to put their robbery plan into operation.

Room Ransacked.

They went upstairs and found the woman, who was with her father. The two were tied up with ropes and gagged, while a watchful eye was kept on the servants, although none of the five was armed.

While three men stood on guard, the other two ransacked the room and brought to light the woman's bank pass-book, which showed that the sum of \$20,000 was standing to her credit.

The woman's chop was also discovered, and the two men proceeded to the bank where the whole sum was drawn out on the authority of the passbook and the chop. Unsuspecting, the bank employees handed over the money.

All Escape.

After waiting a reasonable time to ensure that the banking operation had been realized, the three guards then left the house, resulting in the five men escaping. The two trusted-up Chinese eventually managed to slip their bonds and reported the robbery to the police at 12.30 p.m., four and a half hours after the robbers entered the house.

Most of the robbers are stated to be relations of the victimized woman.

This was one of six robberies reported to the Municipal police on Thursday.

Boy Kidnapped.

A gang of four men who raided 584 Kwei Zou Li, off Barkhill Road, on Thursday night confined their attentions to kidnapping a boy of 11 years who was sitting at the dining table while a dinner party was in progress.

The men, who were armed, kept the guests quiet while the boy was taken from his chair and pushed into a waiting motor car. Before the people at the dinner party had time to call the police, the gang had escaped with the boy, although they took no other booty.

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WAR ON HOIFUNG COMMUNISTS.

SOVIET LEADER REPORTED WOUNDED.

HUNDRED KILLED.

According to Chinese reports, news has reached Canton of the wounding on the battle-field of Pang Pai, the notorious leader of the Ho-luk Fung Soviet.

The report states that when troops of the 5th Army and of the 11th Division of the Canton troops captured Wailoi City, on the upper region of the East River, expeditions were carried out in the neighbourhood of villages to track down the Communist remnants.

A large band of "Reds," led by Pang Pai, had taken to their heels and when they arrived at Hap Shan they met Government units, who launched an attack on them.

Many Captures.

The result was that the "Reds" were defeated, more than 100 being killed, and from 300 to 400 captured, whilst Pang Pai, the leader, was seriously wounded, but eventually succeeded in making off towards the Ching Hoi district.

The Military Headquarters in the East River districts are now offering a reward of \$100,000 for the capture of Pang Pai.

Temporary Headquarters.

To facilitate the work in the devastated district of Hoifung, a temporary Headquarters for the 5th Army has been established in that district by order of Gen. Hau King-long, says the Canton Gazette. Gen. Tang Yen-hua, Vice-commander of the Army and concurrently the Commander of the 16th Division, has been nominated as the officer in charge, with instructions to suppress all bandits and bad elements in that locality.

Gen. Tang Yen-hua is said to have been in Canton for the last few days, as he has returned from the front to ask instructions from General Wong Shiu-hung concerning certain measures to be taken for restoring tranquillity in the locality which he is defending.

Relief Funds.

A sum of \$300,000 has been appropriated by the Relief Department in Canton to be sent to the Wailoi district for the purpose of starting the cheap sale of rice, the distribution of congee, and the establishment of a home for the accommodation of the local sufferers, says the Gazette.

It is found that after the district was devastated by the Communists, over 10,000 sufferers were awaiting relief.

The ex-Crown Prince of Germany has sold a number of estates and will retain only 10,000 acres for hunting. The object of the sales was to obtain 5,000,000 marks for investment in industrial enterprises. The sales were necessary owing to the losses in working the property.

Without being heard by the maids, a man entered Brackenles, Littleworth Common, Essex, made a hurried tour of the bedrooms and escaped as silently as he had arrived with jewellery worth £100. The maids were having tea in the kitchen at the time, and an engagement ring belonging to one of them was among the jewellery stolen.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 Where under the British flag is "Trial by Ordeal" still constantly practised?
- 2 What is a Harlot?
- 3 Where was a missionary conference just held at which representatives of practically every country in the world were present?
- 4 Where has a proclamation of King George stating "Thou shalt do no murder" recently been circulated?
- 5 What was "Rice Day" and who introduced it?
- 6 Where is slavery still openly practised, and how many slaves are there?
- 7 How many bellringers are there in England?
- 8 What is believed to be England's oldest ship, and where is she now lying?
- 9 Who and what are the Scorpions?
- 10 What mysterious tribe with no sense of time has just been discovered, and where?
- 11 What notable find has just been made in Blackfriars?
- 12 Who was the last man to hold the office of "Cock-crower" to the King?



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FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

"TELEGRAPH" OFFERS PRIZE
OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches and Scottish Cup and League matches (to be played on Saturday next, April 21st) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29-September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on
April 21st:

ENGLISH CUP FINAL.

Huddersfield v Blackburn.

DIVISION I.

Cardiff v Sunderland.

Spurs v Bury.

DIVISION II.

Reading v Port Vale.

Southampton v Swansea.

Notts City v Fulham.

DIVISION III.

Torquay v Swindon.

Exeter v Newport.

Bournemouth v Plymouth.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Falkirk v Hamilton.

Partick v Celtic.

Clyde v Raith Rovers.

Name

Address

No. 31. Date

LAWN TENNIS.

RUMJAHNS WIN OVER
JAPANESE.

Abandoned previously owing to falling light, the match between the Rumjahn cousins and Honda and Akijima, in the third round of the Colony's open doubles championship, was played yesterday and resulted in a victory by three straight sets for the Rumjahns.

Anticipating a keen struggle, a large attendance of tennis enthusiasts were at the ground when the match commenced. The opening stages of the game gave promise of another close tussle, but after a while it became apparent that the Japanese pair were not in as good form as they had been during the previous meeting.

Honda won the first game on his service and the Indians took the next two, but the Japanese equalised. From this point the Indians were all over their opponents, their net-work being an important factor in breaking up the Japanese combination.

The second set found the Japanese still lacking and the Rumjahns, by forcing the pace and visiting the net as often as it was safe to do so, managed to secure a love-set. Honda appeared troubled in this set. He had many opportunities of employing his formidable cross-court drive, but for some reason he was content to play on the defensive all the time.

The third set was the most exciting of all and it appeared that the Japanese would even now make a keen fight for it. They were leading at 4-2 on one stage, when the Indians secured the next three games, making the set 5-4 in their favour. The Japanese made a last effort and managed to draw level, but the Rumjahns, playing steadily, finished them off at 7-5.

Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung, by defeating Lee Wal-wei and Lee Won-soi by 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, and Lee Won-soi by 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, the qualified for the third round of the open doubles, in which they will meet A. V. Remedios and E. de Souza to decide who shall meet R. H. B. Hancock and Dr. Tottenham in the semi-final.

Mixed Matches.

There were two very interesting Mixed Doubles. Colonel and Mrs. Wynn had a hard fight with C. W. Sewell before they succeeded in reaching the semi-final. They lost the first set, but took the next at 9-7, 8-6. Sewell and Mrs. Armstrong's handicap proved just a little too much for them.

In the other mixed match, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sayer beat Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark in straight sets, after a very good game in which both ladies showed up well. They now meet H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Remington in the semi-final.

CONSTABLE EXCEEDED HIS DUTY.

FINED FOR ASSAULTING
TWO CHINESE.

A fine of \$10 was imposed by Major C. Willson, this morning, on a Weihsaiwei constable who was found guilty of assaulting two Chinese in Des Voeux Road on April 15th.

The two Chinese were originally summoned by the constable for refusing search and using abusive language. They took out a cross-summons for assault against the constable. Mr. F. X. D'Almada, a Castro appeared for the defendants in the original summons.

The defendants, in the witness box, told his Worship that the constable assaulted both of them. He first stopped the first defendant, and after searching him, threw on the ground a parcel of clothing which this defendant was carrying. When the clothing up, he was assaulted. The second defendant witnessed the assault. He told the constable that he had no right to assault the first defendant, whereupon the constable kicked him.

In answer to Inspector Spear, the second defendant said he made no statement of the constable's assault in the charge room, but after he was bailed out he returned to the charge room to make that statement.

In his address to the Magistrate, Mr. D'Almada said that this act was not an after-thought because as soon as the defendants left the charge room they returned again to lodge a complaint against the constable. Mr. D'Almada added that the first man was a respectable merchant and the second a broker, and that this class of men were not in the habit of using abusive language.

His Worship: I think the constable exceeded his duty. I discharge the defendants and find the charge of assault proved. I fine the constable \$10.

Mrs. Harriet Johnson, a visitor from Topeka, Kansas, to Santa Monica (California), was throwing pop corn to the sea gulls while standing on the pier. Her diamond ring, valued at \$1,200, slipped from her finger and fell to the water, but a gull caught it, swallowed it and flew away.

COUNCIL QUERIES ANSWERED.

IMPORTANT KOWLOON
MATTERS.

REFORM OF COUNCIL TO BE
CONSIDERED.

NEW PRISON MOOTED.

In the Legislative Council this afternoon, the Hon. Colonial Secretary replied to the questions by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes which were published in yesterday's Telegraph.

Council Reform.

Replying to Sir Henry Pollock's questions, the Colonial Secretary said:

His Excellency the Governor proposes to discuss the question of the composition of the Legislative Council with the Secretary of State during his approaching visit to England.

Public Pier.

The provision of a public pier at the end of Nathan Road is impracticable.

The construction of a vehicular and passenger ferry pier at the end of Jordan Road is under consideration and until the questions concerning the proposed vehicular ferry have been decided, no further answer can be given.

Traffic Regulation.

A comprehensive scheme has been prepared for the lay out of the area in the vicinity of the Star Wharf at Kowloon with a view to improved traffic regulation. It has been prepared to meet as far as possible the desires of the Kowloon Residents' Association whose proposals have received due consideration.

The scheme will be made public in a sessional paper in due course.

Repulse Bay Sheds.

At present 15 cubicles (10' 0" x 6' 0") are being erected at Repulse Bay with fresh water showers, water stand pipes, etc. 10 are for men and 5 for women.

No provision is being made for a pavilion.

Stanley Beach.

The beach at Stanley has been fully allocated; two or three additional sheds might be erected on the higher ground above the beach, but this site is not considered suitable.

No public bathing cubicles or pavilion are being erected and no funds are provided for this purpose.

Cheung Sha Bay.

Funds are not available at present for the suggested works at Cheung Sha Bay.

Kowloon Tong.

On the 25th September, 1924, the Honourable Mr. Montague Ede, raised in Executive Council the question of the water supply of the Kowloon Tong settlement. He put forward proposals for the construction of a reservoir to supply the settlement with water for a water flushing system and for the trees, gardens, lawns, etc. which were essential to the scheme. The then Director of Public Works pointed out that these proposals were uneconomical and said that the settlement would be supplied in due course from the Shing Mun Waterworks. Mr. Ede, however, pressed his point, and after discussion the Governor in Council agreed that he should be allowed to construct a reservoir for the Kowloon Tong scheme on the clear understanding that the Government took no responsibility in the matter and assumed no liabilities in respect of it. In these circumstances it is clear that, if the existing water supply to the Kowloon Tong scheme is defective, the blame for such defect rests on the Kowloon Tong Estate Company, which should take steps to remedy it by negotiating with the Government for connexion with the Shing Mun Waterworks.

Children's Playgrounds.

Pending its use by the Government for other purposes, a small area can be reserved as a children's playground at the junction of Salisbury and Middle Roads. There is, however, in the opinion of the Government, no area at Tsimshatsui which is really suitable for permanent reservation as a children's playground; and none of the undeveloped area adjoining Nathan Road appears to be suitable for conversion to children's playgrounds.

Chater Memorial.

The question of a memorial to Sir C. E. Chater is in the hands of a representative Committee whose plans originally included a

WHARF OBSTRUCTIONS.

WOMAN FINED AND THEN
DISMISSED.

An interesting point in regard to the existing Ordinance dealing with obstruction to wharves was disclosed this morning by Comdr. J. B. Nowill, D.S.O., R.N., when a master and mistress of cargo junks were charged with causing obstruction to other vessels at the Mongkok-Shamshui-Ferry Wharf. Kwok Mui, the mistress, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10, with the usual alternative.

His Worship, looking up the Ordinance in respect of the charge against Tang Yuen, the master, discovered that it was laid down that there was no legal obstruction if the boats were engaged in loading or discharging cargo or passengers.

The case against Tang Yuen was proceeded with and evidence taken, the case against Kwok Mui being re-opened.

Police evidence was to the effect that at 12.30 p.m. on April 18th there were a number of boats gathered about the Mongkok Ferry Wharf, and witness, in Police Launch No. 7 proceeded to the scene. It was found that Kwok Mui's junk was in such a position that when a ferry launch approached the wharf, she had to go full astern to avoid collision.

Questioned by his Worship, witness replied that this junk had just completed, or was at the moment, discharging cargo on to the Praya. When arrested, the defendant had said that another boat had delayed her movement and she was in the act of getting away when the police arrived.

His Worship found that although the Ordinance might be wrongly worded, it appeared that the first defendant, Kwok Mui, had actually been working cargo, and therefore could not be found guilty and the case against her must therefore be dismissed.

Tang Yung, pleading guilty, stated that he was pulling out from the wharf when arrested and that he was not conversant with the regulations regarding obstruction of wharves. He did not contradict the evidence—that at the time of the arrest he was about 20 feet from the Praya wall and some six feet from the wharf.

His Worship, inflicting a fine of \$50 with the usual alternative, informed the accused that he should make himself acquainted with the regulations, which prescribed that unless he was actually engaged in the transfer of passengers or cargo, he was not allowed to obstruct the free passage of vessels going to or from the wharf.

MR. AMERY'S CLIMB.

GRAPHIC ACCOUNT GIVEN TO
MOUNTAINEERS.

Addressing members of the Midland Association of Mountaineers, of which he is this year's president, at Birmingham, Mr. Amery gave a graphic account of his climbing experiences in many parts of the world.

"I began," said Mr. Amery, "at the age of two, and with becoming modesty my first climbs were devoted to the Himalayas, which I ascended to a height of some 10,000 feet or so, mostly, I am afraid, carried by others. "I was carried in a litter on a footpath above the Ganges, and one of the bearers stumbling, I fell, out of my mother's arms in a parabola, which would have ended many hundreds of feet below if the other bearer, with his spare hand, had not caught me, as I flew, by one limb and thrown me back again."

Statue for which Government was prepared to grant a site. It is understood that the idea has been abandoned in favour of the endowment of scholarships at the University. But if the Committee desire a memorial of the nature suggested in the question, Government is still prepared to consider the grant of a suitable site.

Gael Matters.

Answering Mr. Owen Hughes, the Colonial Secretary said: The work on the new goal at Ngau Sai Wan was suspended after a meeting on the site of members of both Executive and Legislative Councils with His Excellency. The site adjoins the Airport site at Kowloon Bay and will be required in connexion with the development of that project and will not be used for the construction of a Prison.

Victoria's Gael is overcrowded. Lai Chi Kok Gael is not overcrowded. On the other hand Lai Chi Kok can hardly be called a prison. There is no cellular accommodation and little opportunity for employing the prisoners on labour.

Increased accommodation cannot be provided at Victoria Gael. Government is at present investigating possible sites on which to build a new prison.

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MURDERER.

Third-degree police methods have resulted in the extraction of a confession from the murderer of Gaston Trupheme, the Paris jewel broker whose body was found burned almost beyond recognition on the roadside between Lagny and Melun 17 days ago.

After more than 20 hours of the most nerve-racking examination by police officials in a tiny room at police headquarters a jeweller named Mestorino, who owned a large shop in Paris employing 15 assistants, broke down and, sobbing, told his ruthless interrogators how he killed Trupheme.

Locked in a room with MM. Gabrielle and Guillaume, two of the heads of the French Scotland Yard. With brief intervals to snatch hasty meals he was subjected to the closest interrogation.

Alternately his two questioners took him over the evidence he had given previously, and time after time they raised contradictory points, called him a liar, accused him of the murder and cross-examined him until, broken with fatigue and feeling himself cornered, at 5 o'clock this morning he burst into tears and said: "Yes. It was I who killed Gaston Trupheme."

Mestorino was allowed a respite to compose himself before he gave the details of his confession. When he had recovered he stated that he killed Trupheme during a violent quarrel regarding the payment of a bill for 35,000 francs which Trupheme had presented and which he was unable to meet. He said he struck Trupheme, who fell and apparently fractured his skull against a piece of furniture.

Thrown into Ditch.
He was horrified to find him dead. He bought some sucking in which he wrapped the body and at night took it in his car into the country. The following morning he drove to Briec-Comte-Robert, bought four cans of petrol, and went to a quiet spot in the woods, where he threw the body into a ditch, poured petrol over it and set it on fire.

Mestorino was taken from police headquarters to a waiting motor-car for his transference to Melun. His head was swathed in bandages and he showed other evidence of the terrible ordeal through which he had gone.

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Bournemouth v Plymouth.
Falkirk v Hamilton.
Partick v Celtic.
Clyde v Raith Rovers.

DOMESTIC COMEDY.

"THE HONEYMOON EXPRESS"
AT STAR.

"The Honeymoon Express," which is being shown at the Star Theatre from to-day till Saturday, is a comedy of domestic life. Irene Rich and Willard Louis are the featured players in the roles of a couple who have almost reached the parting of the ways. The children, too, are drifting apart, being members of the fast set determined to live their own lives. A sudden change is brought about by the revolt of the neglected mother, whereafter events lead rapidly to the climax. The picture was directed by James Flood, and the cast includes such well known players as Helen Costello, Jane Winton and Virginia Lee Corbin.

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

The following will represent the Club Lusitano in a "friendly" against a team from the China Light and Power Recreation Club, play commencing at 9 p.m. to-day at the Club Lusitano.—E. A. dos Remedios, G. A. Carvalho, S. M. Cruz, J. M. V. Ribeiro, A. C. Rozario and H. R. Sequeira.

"A MAN'S PAST."

TO-DAY'S NEW FILM AT THE
WORLD.

The famous Gorman actor, Conrad Veidt, makes his first appearance in an American film as the leading man of "A Man's Past," a new picture which will be the chief attraction at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. "A Man's Past" is a screen adaptation of the Hungarian play of that name and deals

with the strange adventures of an escaped convict who is compelled to pose as the brother of the woman he adores. What happens when he is recognised by the assistant governor of the jail who has fallen in love with the same girl brings about the dramatic climax. Playing support of the leading players are, Ian Keith, Barbara Bedford, and George Seligmann. The production was taken from the novel by Emerich Foeldes and directed by George Melford.

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GIRL'S DEATH FROM
RARE DISEASE.CATTLE USUALLY THE ONLY
VICTIMS.How a girl died of a disease
which usually affects only cattle
was told at a West Ham inquest.
The disease, actinomycosis (some-times known as "woody tongue,"
was contracted by an 18-year-old
shop assistant, Phyllis Turle, of
Olive-road, Plaistow.A doctor said the girl scratched
her finger 18 months ago, and had
since been under medical attention.
Operations were performed at two
hospitals. The disease might be
set up by hay, straw or grass.Although the germ usually en-
tered by the mouth or nose, it could
enter by an open wound, and hecould not exclude the possibility
that the scratched finger had some-
thing to do with the girl's death.
The germ was found in her while
she was in the London Hospital.
A verdict in accordance with the
doctor's evidence was returned.A suit of Norse armour, said to
be the only piece of its kind in
existence, has been sold in New
York for £880.LONDON LIGHTS UP
AMERICAN CITY.ROMANCE OF A FORMER
HUDSON BAY FORT.A unique ceremony, unwitnessed
save for a few officials, was con-
ducted in silence at 4 a.m. one
morning, in the Board Room at
Hudson's Bay House, Bishopsgate,
London.By pressing a button, Mr. Charles
V. Sale, governor of the Hudson's
Bay Company, turned on the lights
in the city of Vancouver, Washing-
ton, U.S.A., a distance of over 6,000
miles.A direct electrical impulse had
been arranged over a complicated
system of telegraph wires and cables
in itself a great achievement in or-
ganisation.The hour, according to Pacific
Coast time, was then 8 p.m.Originally a Hudson's Bay Com-
pany post, Vancouver, Washington
(not to be confused with Vancou-
ver, B. C.), is proud of its origin.When the authorities sought to
mark the city's enterprise
in installing what is claimed to be
the most up-to-date system of street
lighting in America, they turned for
the inauguration to the great trad-
ing company whose fort, on the
head-waters of the Columbia River
has become the city of to-day.

Baptised in Rum.

It is exactly 103 years ago, since
George Simpson, then governor of
the Hudson's Bay Company, found-
ed Fort Vancouver, as recorded in
the following extract from his
diary, dated March 19, 1825:—At Sunrise mustered all the
people to hoist the Flag Staff of the
new Establishment, and in pre-
sence of the Gentlemen, Servants,
Chiefs and Indians, I baptised it
by breaking a Bottle of Rum on the
Flag Staff and repeating the follow-
ing words in a loud voice:—"In behalf of the Honble, Hud-
son's Bay Company I hereby Name
this Establishment 'Fort Vancou-
ver.' God Save King George the
4th." with three cheers.Gave a couple of Drams to the
people and Indians on the occasion.
The object of Naming it after that
distinguished Navigator is to in-
dentify our claim to the Soil and
Trade with his discovery of the
River and Coast on behalf of Great
Britain.The settlement of boundary lines
between the United States and
Great Britain, under the terms of
the Buchanan-Pakenham Treaty of
1836, necessitated the abandonment
by the company of Fort Vancouver,
which was included with the United
States territory; but the city has
never forgotten its founder. It has
preserved "the oldest apple tree in
the north-west, grown from seed
brought from London, England,
and planted in 1826 by the Hudson's
Bay Company."SEANCE HELD IN A
DRESSING-ROOM.SPIRIT OF TERRISS FAILS TO
WALK.The ghost of murdered William
Terriss did not walk one night at
the Adelphi Theatre, when a
seance was held in June's dress-
ing-room by the Society for
Psychical Research.Mysterious rappings have been
heard by June in her dress-
ing-room, to which Terriss was taken
when he was murdered, and this
seance was held to snare the
ghostly noises."I conducted the investigation,"
said Mrs. Eve Brackenbury to a
Daily Chronicle representative.
"Nothing happened, but we are to
try again later."

In the Gloamin'.

"As far as possible the conditions
were reproduced under which June
and an American woman friend
have heard the rappings on and off
for the last two months.""The lights were turned out,
there was a bright fire burning and
we three just chatted in the gloam-
ing, or remained silent on and off
between 6 and 7 o'clock."While the seance was on a Daily
Chronicle representative spoke with
Miss Cicely Courtneidge, who oc-
cupies the adjoining dressing-room.
"The most remarkable story of
all," declared Miss Courtneidge, "is
that of one of the night firemen."

The Mystery Bell.

"He was alone in the theatre
when, about 2 o'clock in the morn-
ing, he heard a bell ringing on the
premises.""The sound was in the theatre
itself, but came from a part where
no bell is!""The thing baffled him. He was
so certain he had heard the ringing
that he telephoned to the police.
In the end the theatre was searched
without any result.""The fireman firmly believes that
the mysterious ringing is just one
of the many manifestations now
taking place in the theatre.""I am told that June's dress-
ing-room is the room where poor
Terriss was taken after he was
murdered. The room was not his
dressing-room, but was a room in
the house next door, which at that
time was no part of the theatre it-
self."

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

MUST BE WRITTEN IN
CHINESE.Shanghai, Apr. 18.
The Finance Ministry has cir-
cularised the Superintendents of
Customs instructing them to notify
the Commissioners, that all bills
and vouchers, notices, documents,
accounts, etc., should hereafter
be written in Chinese.—Reuter.

IN THE "GAY NINETIES"

—OF 1928!

"SO I JUST STEPPED ON THE GAS,
AND MADE HER SPIN AROUND AT FIFTY PER""C'MON, GIRLS—LET'S DO SOMETHING
EXCITING—HOW ABOUT A LITTLE JAUNT
IN AN AIRPLANE?""YES (INDEED) I'VE USED
"DOCKY PIPES" FOR THE LAST SIXTY YEARS. I'
VE NEVER HARM MY THROAT—WHAT MORE CAN
YOU ASK OF A SMOKE?""The Mecca of the Ailing—
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GIRL ALONE

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CHAPTER XIV.

"Right this way, ladies and gentlemen! Step right up and see Boffo, the ostrich man, cat glass, nails, toothpicks, lead pipe, or what have you! He chews 'em up and swallows 'em like a kid eats candy! Boffo digests anything and everything from horseshoes to jack-knives! Any gentlemen present got a jack-knife for Boffo's dinner? Come on, folks! Don't be bashful! Don't let Boffo go hungry!"

The crier's voice went on and on, challenging, commanding, exhorting, bullying the gaping crowd of country people, who surged after him like sheep. Admission to "The Palace of Wonder," a tent which housed a score of freaks and fakers, was 25 cents. It still seemed wonderful to Sally that she was there without having paid admission, that she—she, Sally Ford, runaway ward of the state!—was one of the many attractions which the farmers and villagers had paid their hard-earned money to see.

Dimly through the crowd came the voice of the ticket seller in his tall, red, scarred box outside the tent: "All right, all right! Here you are! Only a quarter—25 cents—two bits—to see the 'big show!' Performance just started! Step right up! All right, boys, this way! Don't let your girls call you a piker! Two bits pays for it all! See the half-man-half-woman? See the girl nobody can lift! Try and lift her, boys! Little and pretty as a picture, but heavy as lead! All right, step right in! Don't crowd! Room for everybody! See Princess Lalla, the Harem Crystal Gazer! Sees all, knows all! See Pity Sing, the smallest woman in the world!"

Incredible! On Saturday, just two days ago, she had been peeling apples to make pies for the Carson family. Today she was a member of a carnival troupe, under the protection of Winfield Bybee, owner of all these weird creatures about whom the crier was chanting. It was too unreal to be true.

There had been 12 solid hours of sleep. Then had come a marvellously satisfying supper in the dining car, or "privilege" car, with Bybee himself introducing her to those astonishing people whom the crier was now exhibiting to the curious country people. The giant, a Hollander named Jan something-or-other, had bent from vast heights to take her hand; the tiny male midget, a Hawaiian billed merely as Noko, had gravely asked her, in a tiny, piping voice, if she would sew a button on his miniature coat for him; the bearded "lady" was a man, after all, a man with a naturally falsetto voice and tiny hands and feet. Boffo, the human ostrich, had disappointed her by being satisfied with a very ordinary diet of corned beef and cabbage. The fat girl, who had confided to Sally that she only weighed 380 pounds, though she was billed as "slipping the scales" at 620, had patiently drunk glass after glass of milk, until a gallon had been consumed—all in the interest of keeping her weight up and adding to it.

Then Bybee had taken her to his wife, a thin, hatchet-faced shrew of a woman who seemed to suspect everything in petticoats of having designs on her husband, and who, in turn, seemed to feel equally sure that every man must envy him the possession of such a wonderful woman as his wife. His deference toward her touched Sally even as it amused her.

Mrs. Bybee was too good a business woman, however, to let jealousy interfere with her judgment where the show was concerned. She had demurred a little, then had abruptly agreed to Bybee's plans for Sally. Hours of sharp-tongued instruction from Mrs. Bybee had resulted in Sally's being on the platform now, nervously awaiting her turn.

The crowd surged nearer to Sally's platform. The crier was introducing the giant now, and Jan was rising slowly from his enormous chair, unfolding his incredible length, standing erect at last, so that his head touched and slightly raised the sloping canvas roof of the tent.

She wondered, as she gazed pityingly and a little fearfully at Jan, how it felt to be three feet taller than even the tallest of ordinary



It did not seem possible that she was Sally Ford.

men, and as she wondered she gazed upward into Jan's face and caught something of an answer to her question. For Jan's great, hollow eyes, set in a skeleton of a face, were the saddest she had ever seen, but patiently and, as if the little boy soul that hid somewhere in that terribly abnormal body of his had resigned itself to eternal sorrow and loneliness.

At the request of the crier Jan stalked, like a seven-league-booted creature of a fairy tale, up and down the little platform, then, still sad-faced, patient, he folded up his amazing legs and relaxed in his great chair with a sigh. He was silently and indifferently offering posteriors pictures of himself for sale when the crier turned toward Sally, enjoining the crowd away from the giant:

"And here, ladies and gentlemen, we have the most beautiful girl that ever escaped from a Turkish harem—the Princess Lalla. Right here, folks! Here's a real treat for you! They may come bigger but they don't come prettier! I've saved the Princess Lalla for the last because she's the best. I know all you sheiks will agree with me!" Embarrassed snorts of laughter interrupted him. "That's right, boys. And if the Princess Lalla don't show up tonight, I'll know that some good-looking Stanton boy has eloped with her."

"Stand up, Princess Lalla, and let these boys see what a Turkish princess looks like! Don't crowd now, boys!"

Sally slipped from her chair and advanced a pace or two toward the edge of the platform, her knees trembling so she could scarcely walk.

It did not seem possible to her that the glamorous, beautiful figure to whom the crier had made a deep and ironic salaam was Sally Ford. She wondered if all those people staring at her with wide, curious eyes or with envy really believed she was the Princess Lalla, an escaped member of the harem of the Sultan of Turkey. She made herself see herself as they saw her—a slim, rounded, young-girl figure in fantastic purple satin trousers, wrapped close about her legs from knee to ankle with ropes of imitation pearls; a green satin tunic-bodice, sleeveless and embroidered with sequins and edged with gold fringe, half-revealing and half-concealing her delicate young curves; a provocative lace veil dimming and making mysterious the brilliance of her wide, childish eyes.

She wondered if any of the more skeptical would mutter that the golden-olive tint of her face, neck and bare arms had come out of a can of burnt-sienna powder, applied thickly and evenly over a film of cold cream. The mock-jewel wrapped ropes of her blue-black hair, however, were real, and she felt their beauty as they lay against her slowly rising and falling breast.

To her gravely expressed doubts of the authenticity of her Turkish costume Mrs. Bybee had replied curtly, contemptuously: "My Gawd! Who knows or cares whether Turkish dames dress like this? It's pretty, ain't it? Them women may wear turbans and what-nots for all I know, but that black hair of yours ain't going to be covered up with no towel around your head."

And so, circling her brow and holding the scrap of black lace nose veil in place, was a crudely fashioned but gaudily pretty crown studded with imitation rubies and emeralds and diamonds as big as bird's eggs. Her feet felt very tiny and strange in red sandals, whose pointed toes turned sharply upward and ended roguishly in fluffy silk pom-poms.

"I declare, you make a lot better Princess Lalla than Minnie Brooks did," Mrs. Bybee had commented after outfitting Sally. "She took down with appendicitis in Sioux City and we ain't had a crystal gazer since—one of the big hits of the show, too."

But the crier was going on and on, giving her a fearful and wonderful history, endowing her with gifts—... Yes, sir, folks, the Princess Lalla sees all, knows all—sees all in this magic crystal of hers. She sees past, present and future, and will reveal all to anyone who cares to step up on this platform and be convinced. Just 25 cents, folks, one lonely little quarter, and you'll have past, present and future revealed to you by the Turkish seeress, favourite fortune-teller of the Sultan of Turkey. Who'll be first, boys and girls? Step right up!"

As he exhorted and harangued, the crier, whom Sally had heard called Gus, was busy arranging the little pine table, covered with black velvet embroidered in gold thread with the signs of the Zodiac. On the table stood a crystal ball, mounted on a tarnished gilt pedestal, and covered over with a black square. Gus whisked off the square and revealed the "magic crystal" to the gaping crowd. Then, with another deep salaam, he conducted the "Princess Lalla" to her throne-like chair. She seated herself and cupped her brown-painted hands with their gilded nails over the large glass bowl.

A young man vaulted lightly upon the platform, followed by giggles and slangy words of encouragement. Sally's eyes, mercifully shielded by the black lace veil, widened with terror. Her hands trembled so as they hovered over the crystal that she had an almost irresistible impulse to cover her face with them. Then she remembered that the black lace veil and the brown powder did that.

For the first to demand an exhibition of her powers as a seeress was Ross Willis, Pearl Carson's "boy friend." Ross Willis who had not asked her to dance because she was the Carsons' "hired girl" from the orphanage.

The money in the bag consisted of \$29,000 in notes and the remainder in silver.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

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So far, Harry Ore has composed the following:

- (1) Pat Pan Tau
 - (2) Mai Cha Fou
 - (3) Sui Sin Fa
- (These three are combined as a "South China Fantasy").
- (4) Yui Ta Ba Chiu
 - (5) Lan Yu Kam
 - (6) Man Tak Yuen Yueng
 - (7) Seung Fui Co Tip
 - (8) Seung Sing Hun

(The last-named are Three Lyric Pieces from South China.)

Of these, the South China Suite has been accepted by Paxtons of London and the Three Lyric Pieces are with Ries and Erler, Berlin.

As far as Western appreciation is concerned, Mr. Ore has everywhere met with acclamation when he has played these pieces at concerts or at friends' houses. Personally, I find them very attractive. Mr. Ore played them to Melisewitch (who had included on his programme so-called Chinese pieces by Abram Chasina) and he very pleased with them, walking off with a copy of the manuscript.

As regards Chinese opinion, which is still more important, it is most enthusiastic. All the Chinese to whom he has played them and who make any pretensions at piano-playing naturally want copies as soon as they are available. But those who know nothing of the piano are most intrigued, also, as were my house-boy and coolie when the pieces were played at my house. And when Mr. Harry Ore included them in a concert programme up in Canton, the enthusiasm was such that he had to repeat them in their entirety.

All this, I repeat, is of great significance. What Mr. Ore, together with Mr. Pun In-tat (who is helping him to discriminate between good and bad Chinese music, idioms, cadences and so on), are doing is pioneer work; they are trying to find some common basis of appreciation in Eastern and Western music; to convince Europeans that Chinese string instrumentalists play, not a meaningless jumble of notes in any sort of order (as they seem to, to many) but rhythmic melodies with a true sense of form, which are quite pretty when the scale is understood; and to bring home to as many Chinese as possible the vast field of musical enjoyment which is opened up by the development of harmony and counterpoint, and the ability to receive two or three tone-impressions at the same time.

The immediate influence of this development may not seem to make much headway in point of numbers, but if these two musicians continue their good work, the effects of it may very well have fruitful results, long after they have ceased their labours. It will be interesting to see what success the compositions meet with when they have been placed on the market and possibly popularised by certain star-artists with whom Mr. Harry Ore is able to get in touch.

DARING SHANGHAI ROBBERY.

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Bandits Get \$30,000.

One of the largest hauls secured by armed bandits in the Settlement for a considerable time was obtained shortly after midday on Friday when six men held up a shroff-paymaster of a cotton mill—as he was returning to the mill with the firm's pay roll in a motor car. They drove off in the car with a bag containing \$30,000 in notes and silver after one shot had been fired by the robbers.

At about 10 minutes past noon, the paymaster of the Hou Sung Cotton Mill at 22 Lay Road in the Yangtze-poo District after visiting a bank in the city was returning with the money in a bag. He was driven to the bank in a car and returned in the same car. When about to enter the gates of the mill six men rushed at the car from different directions as it was slowing down and drawing pistols forced the driver to proceed past the mill.

All six men climbed into the vehicle and with pistols pointed at the driver and the other occupant drove off but not before an attempt was made to halt the car by a Chinese watchman of the mills. One shot was fired by the robbers before the car disappeared.

The money in the bag consisted of \$29,000 in notes and the remainder in silver.

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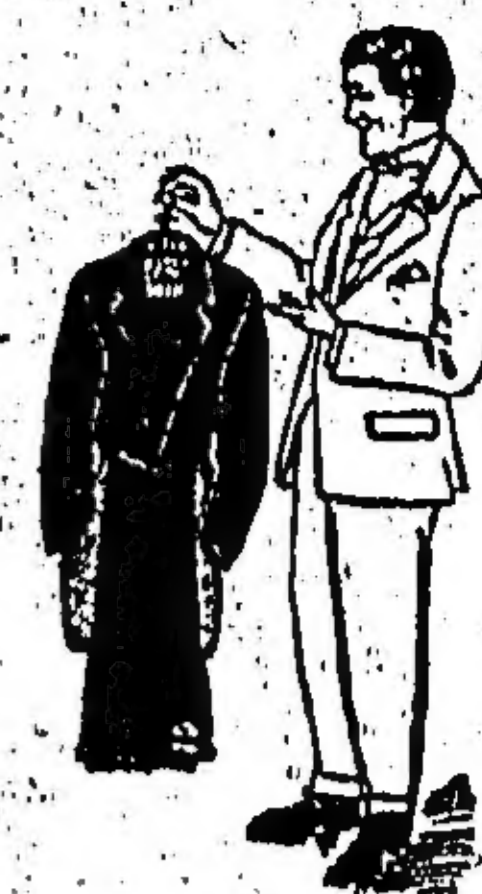
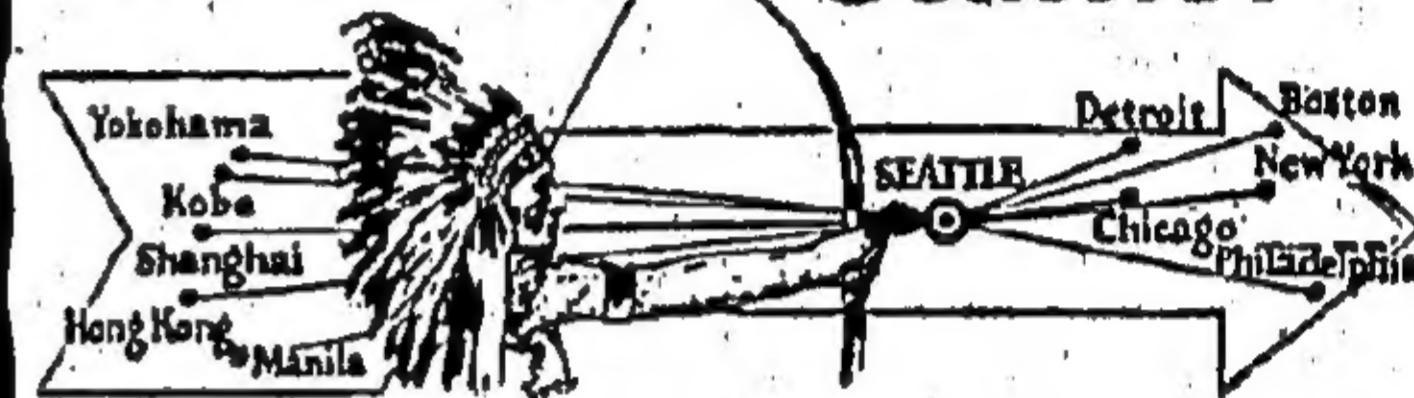
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INAUGURAL MEETING OF REVIVED SOCIETY.

The present age of organization is revealed in the revival here of the society known as the Euro-American Chinese Returned Students' Union of Hongkong. Its purpose is fellowship rather than research. Its organizers announce that it has no political, commercial, promotional, or professional axes to grind, but that it is concerned with keeping alive the pleasant associations of student days.

The inaugural meeting of this Society is to be held on the roof-garden of the Hongkong Hotel this afternoon from 4.30 to 7 p.m. The Committee expect most of the eighty-five members to be present. They will represent more than thirty colleges and universities of Great Britain, Europe and America. Six of the charter members are women.

The eight members of the organizing committee represent Cambridge, Durham, Edinburgh and London among British Universities, and Columbia, Cornell, Missouri and Yale among American Universities. The members of this committee are K. L. Chan, T. M. Mei, Y. H. Tsao, T. C. Y. Wang, Y. P. Law, Dr. S. Y. Wong, and Hin Wong.

RESIDENT'S DEATH.

OLD SERVANT OF KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. J. Blyth which occurred at the Kowloon Hospital at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Mr. Blyth was a native of Birmingham, first coming to China with the Royal Marines and serving through the Boxer Rising. Taking his discharge here, he has not since left the Colony.

He was for many years with the Kowloon-Canton Railway, retiring from their service about two years ago on an invalid pension.

The deceased was never in good health from the date of his retirement and spent many periods in hospital. His death at the comparatively early age of 55 was, nevertheless, somewhat unexpected.

He is survived by a wife, four sons and four daughters, all at present in the Colony and residing in Mongkok, to whom the sympathy of the community will be generously extended.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

FRENCH REVENUE.

RECEIPTS EXCEED THE ESTIMATES.

Paris, Apr. 18.
The revenue returns for March reached 2,687,000,000 francs, showing an increase of 157,000,000 on March 1927, and an excess of 251,000,000 on Budget forecasts. Havas.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN.

FINE FOR HARBOURING MARRIED GIRL.

There was a variation from the usual cases of harbouring young Chinese girls at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when a Hakka-Chinese was charged with receiving or harbouring a young married woman against the customs of China.

Mr. E. H. Williams of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs prosecuted.

The defendant admitted receiving the girl but stated that he had married her in the usual way as a concubine. He had the customary papers in the country and had paid money to the girl's representative through a go-between.

When asked what the representative was introduced as, the defendant replied that he was informed that this man "trafficked in human beings."

His Worship: In what capacity—as kidnapper or what?

Defendant: No, he had children and women and offered them for sale.

Mr. Williams said that the complainant went to his office a few days ago and said that his wife had disappeared and that he had received information of her presence at Kap Shek Mei. A district watchman was sent to the house where the woman was said to be living at the time. The defendant and the girl were reluctant to go to the S.C.A. but they later consented to go. The defendant at first said that the girl was his wife but later admitted that she was only his concubine.

The girl had been adopted into the complainant's family when four years old and was later married to the complainant as his wife. She was often seen in the village talking to the defendant, who later brought her to Hongkong.

The defendant was Hakka, continued Mr. Williams, and it was not very common for Hakkas to take concubines. Also the appearance of the defendant did not seem to suggest that he was in a position to keep a concubine.

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YUNNAN REBELS.

DEFEAT NEW BELIEVED TO BE COMPLETE.

Yunnanfu, Mar. 24.

The situation in Yunnan is becoming more settled. The 5th Army has occupied Talifu, and General Tang Ky-yu, brother of the deceased Tachun, finding himself thus menaced, has again announced his intention of going to Japan. His kinsman, Tang Ky-ling, on declaring his submission to the Government, has been authorised to reside temporarily at Teng Cho An, to the West of Talifu.

The semi-bandit Chief, Hwang Wen-ia, commanding forces entrusted with the defence of the town of Mongtsu, has profited from his position to blackmail the inhabitants and travellers, and to maltreat the civil authorities of that region. A division of the 4th Army has been sent against Hwang on the instructions of General Chang Fong-chow. A battle ensued, at the end of which Hwang was forced to retreat to Szechow after one of his lieutenants had been captured and executed on the field of battle. The pursuit of the rebels continues.

Important changes are to come into effect on April 1, as a result of which the political organisation of Yunnan will be placed more closely under the authority of Nanking. The military delegates, for instance, will be chosen by the Central Nationalist Government, while the Ministry of the Interior, will in effect, become the Ministry of Public Affairs. The Ministry of Industry will be placed under the direction of the Ministry of Communications, Chang Pang-han, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, has been designated for this last post. General Hu Yin will be Head of the Military Department, and Mr. Ma Song, that of the Finance Ministry.

Wu Pei-fu is Seeking Refuge.

The subdivisions of Mongtsu, Poo Yu, and Teng Yue are to be joined up with Yunnanfu with the view to centralisation of Government authority. Civil officials will be selected after due deliberation; their number will be limited but their salaries will be increased.

The Central Government at Nanking has sent word that Wu Pei-fu, (described as a "traitor" in the communiqué), who has allied himself with the extreme leftists, is seeking refuge in the frontiers of Szechuen. The Provincial authorities are invited to take measures for his capture, in order that he may be forwarded to Nanking to be punished as he deserves.

The newspapers of this province are publishing a report that the inhabitants of Kweichow province are petitioning the Nanking Government for the removal of their Governor, Chow Sze-cheng, whom they accuse of having utilised public funds to assist Wu Pei-fu, Chang Tao-lin and the defeated Yunnanese rebel, General Hu Juy.

Lui Tsen-yu, replacing King Han-tung, now with the Nationalist Expeditionary armies in the North, has been appointed delegate of the Central Government of Nanking to the Yunnan Provincial Government. He arrived here on March 20, and has taken up his new post.—Indo-Pacific.

NORTHERN WAR.

NATIONALISTS REPORTED TO BE HELD UP.

Peking, Apr. 18.
5.15 p.m.

Foreign reports from Tsinan state the Sun Chuan-fang is occupying Kuyeh, Yutai and Feng-hai and possibly Tangshan, his object being to reach Haichowfu by way of Lungtai to cut off the Nationalist on the Tsinpu line.

From the same sources it is stated that Chang Chung-chang is holding a line from Tientsin to Chowfu, having checked the Nationalist advance in east Shantung, while reports that he has retaken Lin-cheng are false. All available Shantungese troops in Tsinanfu are being sent to the Tsinpu front to check the Nationalist advance.—Reuter.

Not Yet Necessary.

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

At a conference the Foreign Office, Navy and Army were practically unanimous in favour of the despatch of troops to Shantung if the situation becomes more threatening, but it was decided that the situation does not yet necessitate such action.

Pending further developments the Government is increasing the naval forces at Tientsin ready for any emergency.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S PROBLEMS.

AUTONOMY OF THE UNIVERSITIES.

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Following upon the resignation of Professor Kawakami, the well-known economist of the Kyoto University, the Government's strong attitude upon the question of the study of social science is widely commented upon editorially, with particular reference to the threat to the autonomy of the Universities.

Simultaneously, educationalists are urged to differentiate between study and action, and cultivate sound and healthy thought.

The Jiji, analysing the cause of Communist ideas in educational institutions, considers these are largely due to reaction against too much official control.

In this connexion it is noteworthy that in the five Government universities in Japan the total of the teaching staffs is 1,600, and the students number nearly 20,000. The average age of matriculation is between 22 and 24.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI PARKS.

THROWN OPEN TO THE CHINESE.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

The ratepayers of the International Settlement this afternoon passed a resolution, by a large majority, throwing open the public parks and gardens to the Chinese on the same terms as to foreigners.—Reuter.

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SEVEN HOURS FIRE.

MILLION YEN DAMAGE IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Over a thousand buildings were destroyed in Hirotsuki, northern Japan, including four schools, two banks, six hospitals and a church, as the result of a fire which raged for seven hours before it was got under control. The damage is estimated at 1,000,000 yen. There were no casualties.—Reuter.

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MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
HALIPORE	5,273	31st May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NOVARA	6,939	30th June	Marseilles, London & Hull
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TALMA	10,000	3rd May	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
HALIPORE	5,273	3rd May	Moji & Kobe
TAKLIWA	7,936	7th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
NOVARA	6,939	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TANDA	6,656	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
DELTA	8,097	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
SANTHIA	7,754	22nd May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
RANPURA	16,601	25th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	2nd June	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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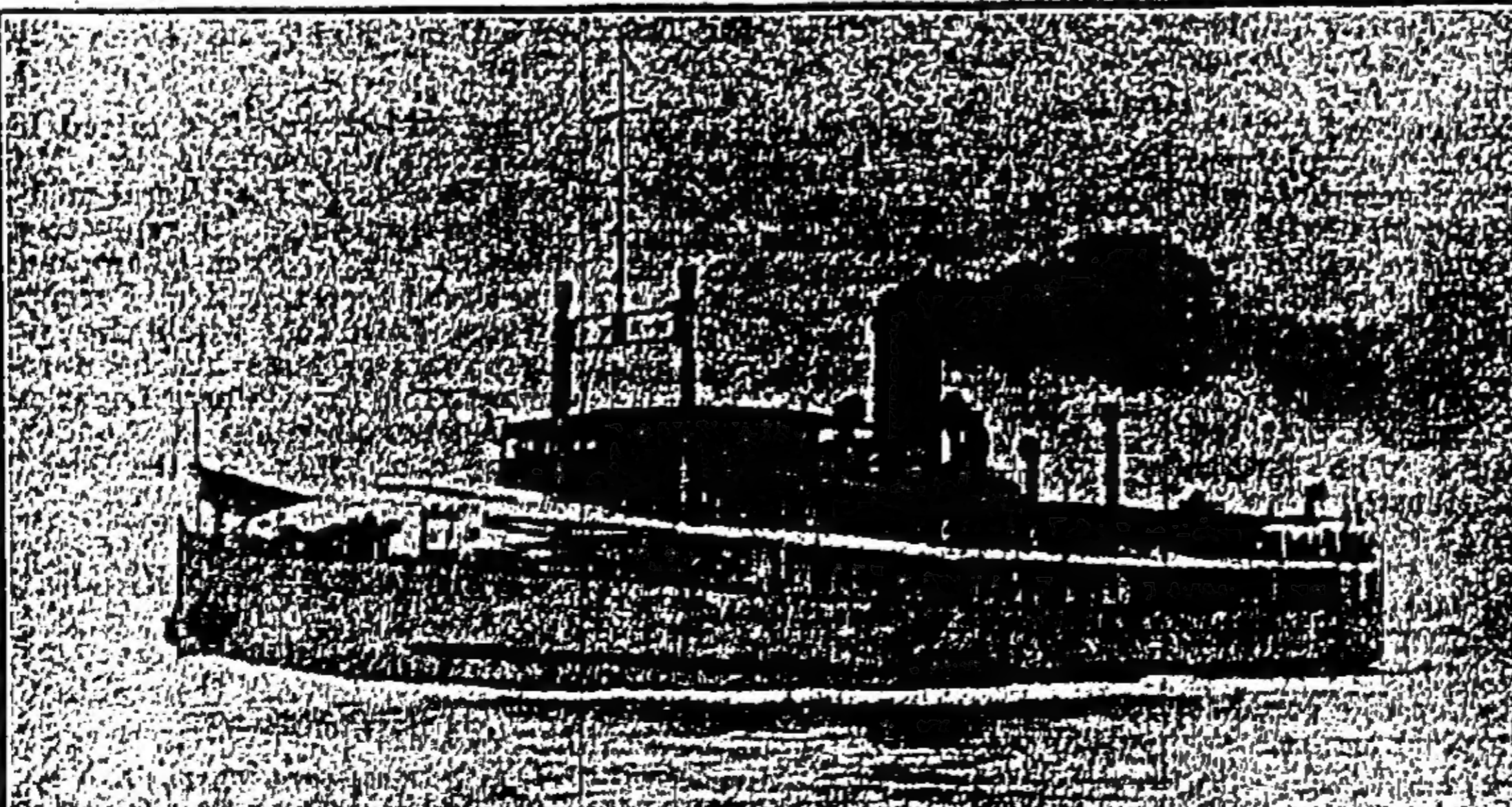
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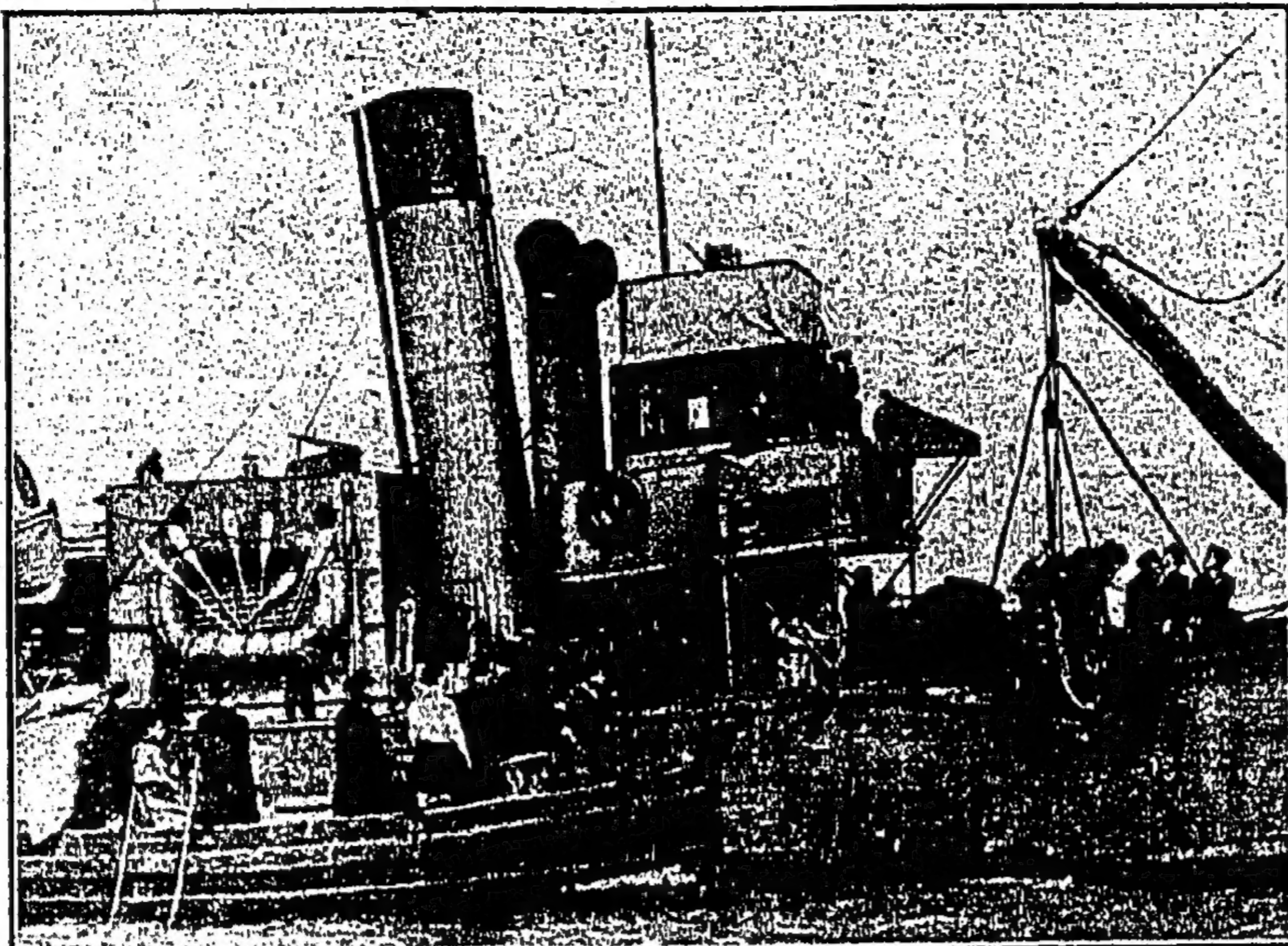
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TIENTSIN BRITISH
CONCESSION.

EQUAL RIGHTS ON COUNCIL
FOR CHINESE.

EXAMPLE TO OTHERS.

Tientsin, Apr. 18.
The meeting of ratepayers of the British Concession unanimously adopted a resolution recommending revision of the Land Regulations, so as to abolish all discrimination and confer absolute equality on Chinese and foreign residents, including the provision of equal Chinese and British representation on the Municipal Council.

Mr. Young, chairman of the Council, proposing the resolution, reminded his hearers that the foundations of the Concession had been laid by the British on a mud swamp which had been shunned by the Chinese, except fishermen and fowling. The policy of the Council he said, had consistently been gradually to increase the power of the Chinese, *pari passu* with the increase of Chinese residents of the Concession.

Mr. C. H. Wang, Chinese member of the Council, warmly thanked the British ratepayers for their support of the resolution, which, he said, would very greatly strengthen the friendship and goodwill existing between Great Britain and China and set an example to the other Concessions.

Mr. Z. S. Bion, manager of the Bank of China, speaking on behalf of the Chinese ratepayers, paid tribute to the achievements of Sir Robert Hart and Sir Richard Dune and other Britons and declared that the progress China had made had mostly been inspired and guided by Great Britain.

THE STONE-THROWING
INCIDENT.

ULLMANN'S DAMAGE
EXCEEDS \$300.

The stone-throwing incident at Messrs. Ullmann's jewellery store, in Chater Road, had a sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Pte. C. Hood, "B" Company K.O.S.B., was charged with wilfully and maliciously causing damage to two glass-plate windows of the shop.

Defendant pleaded guilty, and said he had nothing to say.

His Worship reserved his decision and remanded the case for a week.

Defendant was allowed bail in a personal bond of \$50, with one surety for a similar sum.

His Worship suggested that the police, with the complainant, should make arrangements with the military authorities with regard to the damage, which was understood to amount to \$300.

The police officer conducting the case replied that the damage amounted to exactly \$365, as the glass was so damaged that both plates would have to be entirely changed. Unfortunately, no insurance had been effected under this heading.

His Worship said that in suggesting application to Military Headquarters, he had in view the fact that in his Court he could not give more than \$50 damages.

RAIN TO CONTINUE.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone has weakened and is now central to the north of the Bonins. The depression remains over Indo-China. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, fresh; overcast; rain.

EVERTON'S RUN OF
SUCCESS.

TAKE LEAD BY DEFEATING
NEWCASTLE.

RANGERS "DOUBLE."

London, Apr. 18.
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N. Brighton 3 Barrow

Scottish League.
Celtic 3 St. Johnstone
Dundee 0 Rangers

Reuter.

NAVY SUPPLIERS
LOSSES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

and the prosecution were not pressing the charge.

The money, said Mr. Russ, had been lost in gambling. In attempting to regain some of his own losses, he had apparently utilised the complainant's funds and had lost more in his attempt.

Jurisdiction Point.

His Worship asked where the Wild Swan was during the time that defendant was alleged to have embezzled the money. He asked if she were at Weihaiwei or Shanghai.

Mr. Russ replied that he had gone into that question, and his Worship had jurisdiction, as the boat was British.

His Worship said he had not been thinking of that, but had asked the question as he wanted to know what facilities the Company had had to check the accounts.

Mr. Russ said that the Wild Swan was last in Hongkong in October, and he thought the defendant had been absolutely trusted by the complainants.

Mr. Russ further stated that the Wild Swan had been at Hankow for six months. She had returned two days ago, and the Company immediately sent a man to check the accounts.

His Worship:—Has he any relatives at all?

Mr. Russ:—He has a father in the canteen on H.M.S. Bruce.

Recovery Unlikely.

His Worship:—Is he prepared to pay the money?

Mr. Russ:—No.

His Worship:—There are no prospects of recovering the money?

Mr. Russ:—I am afraid not, your Worship.

His Worship:—I do not quite see how I can give him a less sentence than five months' hard labour.

The defendant was accordingly sentenced to hard labour for five months.

CANTON ROUNDS UP
SUSPECTS.

HUNDRED ARRESTS AFTER
RAIDS.

CITY NOW QUIET.

Rigorous measures were adopted by the police and troops in Canton on Tuesday night to round up Communist suspects and to raid houses believed to be harbouring "Reds." As a result, a large number of alleged "Reds" were detained.

Early on Tuesday night several parties of police and troops were sent out to Wing Hon Nam Road, Ko Dai Street, and the Second Maloo on the Nam Kwan. Several houses and ricksha coolies' boarding houses in these regions were raided.

It is alleged that a large quantity of Communist literature and seditious pamphlets were seized. About 100 Communist suspects, some ricksha coolies and some labourers were detained and taken to the Garrison headquarters to await trial.

The report adds that despite the large number of houses raided, the police carried out their duty in a quiet manner, and the people in the city were not perturbed.

The city is now quiet and with the return of Marshal Li Chai-sum it is believed that stability will soon be restored not only in Canton but in other parts of the province. However, despite the fact that Martial Law was canceled a few days ago, there are still quite a number of police patrols on duty in the main streets, especially after mid-night, and pedestrians are frequently searched.

LONDON PLAYS AND
CHINESE.

"HIT THE DECK" TO BE
REVISED.

Exception has been taken by the Chinese Minister in London, Dr. Wei-cheng Chen, to certain passages in "Hit the Deck" at the London Hippodrome. As a result Mr. Jack Walter, of Messrs. Clayton and Waller, the producers, has written to the Minister offering to withdraw any parts to which exception might be taken by China.

The subject was first raised in the House of Commons by Mr. John Duckworth, the Liberal member for Blackburn. In reply to a question, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that within the last four years protests had been received from the Chinese Legation against certain plays in London, among them being "Hit the Deck."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. In India and South Africa. 2. A political strike in India. 3. Jerusalem. 4. Among the Canadian Eskimos. 5. An Italian festival instituted by Mussolini to popularize that great. 6. In Abyssinia, China, Morocco, the Sahara, etc. Between four and five million. 7. More than 40,000, according to Canon Optidge, president of the Central Council of Church Bellingham. 8. The Irish Ceres, 117 years old, now moored in Hale Haven, Cornwall. 9. An international organization of professional and business women. 10. A tribe of naked men and women on the border of Bolivia and Brazil. 11. The wall of London's most ancient monastery. 12. Mr. James Mitchell, appointed on April 6, 1928.

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